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羅川真里茂 2

Hanayume Comics

Shanimuni GO

Vol. 2

RAGAWA Marimo

007 – Feelings
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007 – Feelings

Dawn
VROOM VROOM
HEY!
Begins with a 5km jog with his beloved dog, Dekapurion.
Nobunisa's morning
What's your name Base?
DEKA-PURI-ON!
Dekapurion
Poop Bag

STEP
PRO
Takita Ryuu's morning also begins with 5km jog.

STEP
BREAK-FAST IS READY.
DAD ...
OKAY ...
SIP
He cooks for them both.
Ruui lives with his dad.
GOOD MORN-ING.
SCRAPE
PLEASE DON'T READ THE NEWSPAPER DURING BREAKFAST.
... GOOD MORNING.
YAWN

IT'S AMAZING THAT I TURNED OUT ALRIGHT.
WHAT A HAUGHTY GUY.
Hmph
*FLAP
UHH... I NEED MONEY.
WHAT?
DAD...
*about $320
FOR THE CLUB UNIFORM,
IT'S A JERSEY AND A WARM-UP JACKET.
...FOR WHAT?
30,000 YEN*.
HOW MUCH?

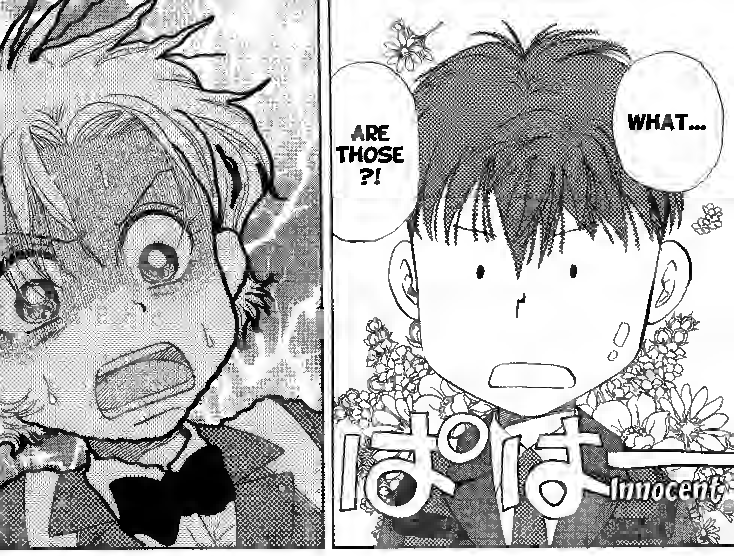
I'M NOT. THE MONEY REALLY IS FOR THE CLUB.
THEN IT'S FINE.
YOU'LL HAVE IT BEFORE I LEAVE FOR WORK.
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU SEEM NERVOUS.
FLAP
ARE YOU LYING?
IT'S MUCH CHEAPER THAN YOUR OLD PRIVATE TENNIS CLUB.
YET ANOTHER REASON WHY YOU SHOULD AVOID TENNIS.
BUT I'M NOT GOING TO BE A STINGY FATHER.
clack
clack
.....
Meanwhile, Ide Nobuhisa...
snatch
snatch

¼ Page No 1

Hello. It's Ragawa Marimo "Shanimuni Go" vol 2 has reached the sectional tournament. Well... there's still a long way to go, though. I was thrilled to get feedback from the readers after vol 1 was published. Half of them were from those who had experience with tennis. It's daunting in a sense. Someone said "I started playing tennis before grade school." Are you at the junior's level?! Some letters talked about their hardship in practicing sports too. It sounded tough. Please try your best. I'll try my best to write a manga that will help you escape.

G... GOOD MORN-ING, HIN-KO-SAN.
NERVOUS
UNSURE
.....
AH.
chatter
chatter
UH.. ARE YOU STILL MAD?
YOU BET!
click
click
JUST KIDDING.
STOPS SHORT
*SHOCKED
EH?
REA LLY?
I WAS NOT MAD AT YOU...
TO START WITH.
*TURN

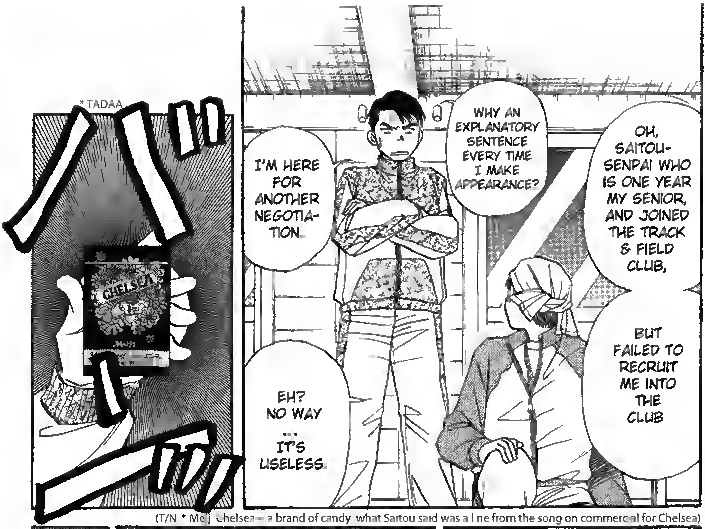
PLEASE...
JUST LEAVE ME ALONE
YOU'VE OVER-STEPPED YOUR BOUNDS
UHM...
MAYBE SHE ISN'T ANGRY, BUT HATES ME INSTEAD?
*that's worse
I WAS... CHOSEN TO ENTER THE DOUBLES TOURNAMENT FOR THE SPRING SECTIONALS.
JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW.
EH?!
WITH TAKITA--KUN?
IDE-KUN... DO YOU KNOW HOW TO NET PLAY?!
WITH WHOM?
THEY CHOSE YOU?
A first-year?!
FWIP
UHH... TAKITA KUU!
NET PLAY?!
IT'S A SWING YOU DO IN FRONT OF THE NET
VOLLEYS ARE VITAL TOO. WHAT ABOUT LOBS, OR SMASHES?


ARE THOSE ?!
WHAT...
ぱのぱ Innocent

HE'LL ONLY BRING HIM DOWN! SINGLES TOURNAMENT, MAYBE, BUT FOR DOUBLES,
WHERE NET PLAY AND TEAMWORK ARE CRUCIAL...?!
PAIR UP WITH TAKITA-KUN?
ARE THEY SERIOUSLY GOING TO LET A NEWBIE WHO ONLY KNOWS HOW TO DO GROUND-STROKES FROM THE BASELINE,
WAIT A MINUTE! WHAT IS THE MEN'S SECTION THINKING...?
She sees him like this
HINAKO-SAN?!
NO, HINAKO! DON'T GET INVOLVED!

1 A
chatter
after school.
chatter
chatter
chatter
Just one panel and it's already...
TAKADA-SAN!
CAP-TAIN SHIN-DOU...
!!!
I WAS AFRAID YOU LEFT...
ALL RIGHT...
chatter
chatter

CAN I HAVE A MINUTE?
SWITCH
IDE...
STEP


*TADAA
CHELSEA
I'M HERE FOR ANOTHER NEGOTIATION...
EH? NO WAY ... IT'S USELESS.
WHY AN EXPLANATORY SENTENCE EVERY TIME I MAKE APPEARANCE?
OH, SAITOU-SENPAI WHO IS ONE YEAR MY SENIOR, AND JOINED THE TRACK & FIELD CLUB,
BUT FAILED TO RECRUIT ME INTO THE CLUB

(T/N * Mo) Chelsea — a brand of candy. What Saitou said was a line from the song on commercial for Chelsea)

.....
HI YOURSELF.
HI YA! I'M THE FIRST ONE HERE
WHY IS HE SITTING IN FRONT OF THE CLUB ROOM WITH A STRANGER?
SLIDE
IDE...
YOUR LEGS ARE TOO GOOD TO BE WASTED ON THE TENNIS CLUB.
IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN THE TRACK & FIELD CLUB
WE SAVED THE 100M SPRINT AND RELAY SPOTS FOR YOU.
STEP

INCREDIBLE! YOU'RE AMAZING!
WHOO!
AWESOME! AWESOME!
I DID IT! I DID IT!!
I RAN PASSED IDE-SENPAI!
.....
YOU MADE IDE NOBUHISA LOSE!!
THAT'S FRIGGIN' AWESOME !!

I THINK THIS QUESTION IS BETTER ASKED SOONER RATHER THAN LATER.
SORRY, I KNOW IT'S WEIRD TO ASK BUT...
BECAUSE I CAN'T FEEL ANY-THING.
NO... IT DOESN'T.
HOW'S YOUR LEG?
STILL HURTS ?
OH, RIGHT. I'M SORRY.
... WELL ...
tap
tap

LET ME BE STRAIGHT WITH YOU.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONTINUE IN THE TENNIS CLUB?
EVERYONE IS WORRYING ABOUT YOU.
AS THE CAPTAIN OF THE CLUB, I...
IT'S TRUE, I CAN'T RUN ANYMORE.
NO, YOU'VE GOT IT WRONG.
TAKADA-SAN, YOU HAVE TO MAKE THAT DECISION YOURSELF.
WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU IN THE CLUB AS THE MANAGER. BUT IF YOU PREFER TO JOIN ANOTHER CLUB, THAT'S OKAY, TOO.
I'LL...
RESIGN FROM THE TENNIS CLUB.

tap
tap
bow
I...
YESTERDAY YOU GAVE SOME ADVICE TO A GUY IN THE MEN'S SECTION.
LISTEN!
NEED A STRONG MANAGER LIKE YOU.
I THINK THOSE LOSERS IN THE MEN'S SECTION
I THINK I HAVE MY ENGINE GOING FOR TENNIS.
HUH?
SAITOU-SENPAI.

I DON'T GET IT
WHY SUDDENLY TENNIS?
HM ...
HOW SHOULD I SAY IT..?
HUH?
What the?
LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT?
THAT, AND...

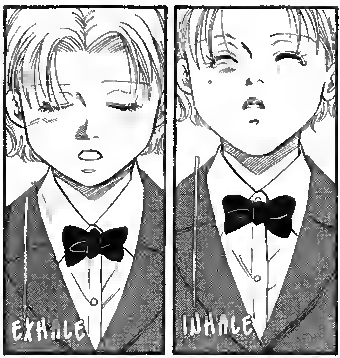
IT MADE ME....
FEEL EXCITED !!

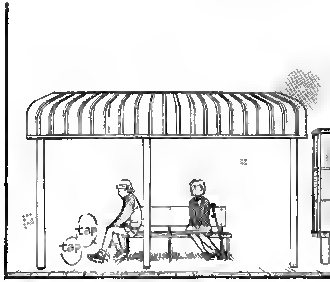
Hm...
IDE PICKED UP THE PACE AGAIN.
CRAP!
ダッ
ダッ
ダッ
Right!
Oh!
Right!
Oh!
EVERYONE, STICK WITH IDE'S DASH & JOG!
GAH! WE CAN'T LOSE TO HIM!
ダッダカダー
OVER THERE...
!!

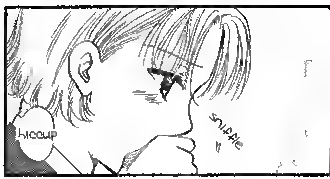
HINAKO-SAN ♡
DASH!!
She said "Hagiie, I can't tell the difference" この野郎
Ehh!!
wipe
wipe

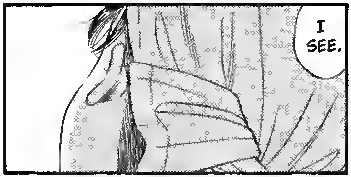
Fwip
Hiroko
Ah
NO, IT'S BECAUSE HE'S DAWDLING
HO! WE'VE CAUGHT UP WITH HIM.
HURRY AND KEEP ON RUNNING!
NO LOOKING!
NO STOPPING!
I'M THE CAPTAIN, DAMMIT
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT ?
KEEP RUNNING AS FAST AS YOU CAN, YOU LOSER SNAILS!
SHUT UP!
WH-WHAT ?!
AH, TAKADA-SAN
DO YOU REALIZE WHO WE ARE?
SNIFF

TSK
yay
pass
pass
yay
chirp
chirp
chirp

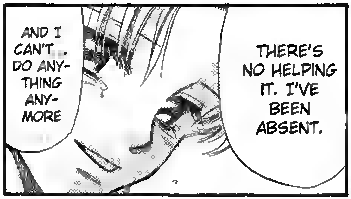

EXHALE
INHALE

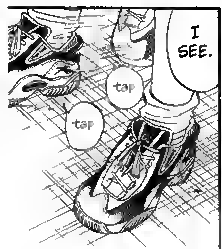

tap
tap


hiccup
sniffle


I SEE.

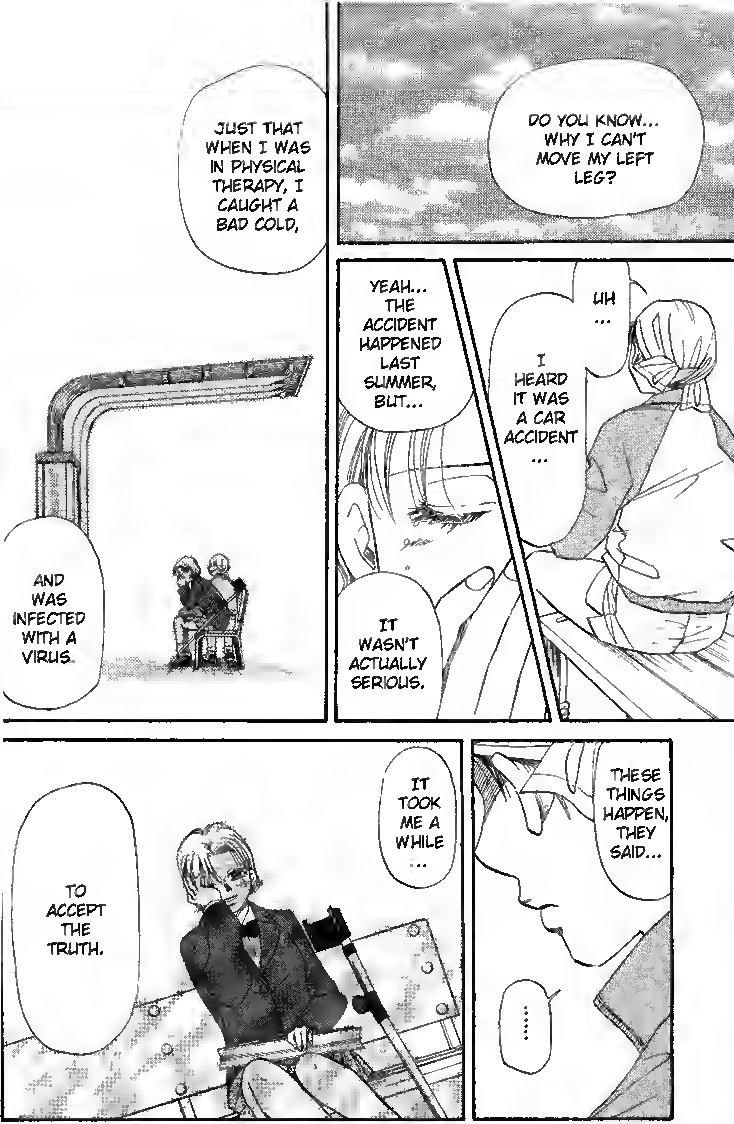
I'VE ...
RESIGNED FROM THE TENNIS CLUB.


AND I CAN'T... DO ANY-THING ANY-MORE
THERE'S NO HELPING IT. I'VE BEEN ABSENT.


I SEE.
tap
tap

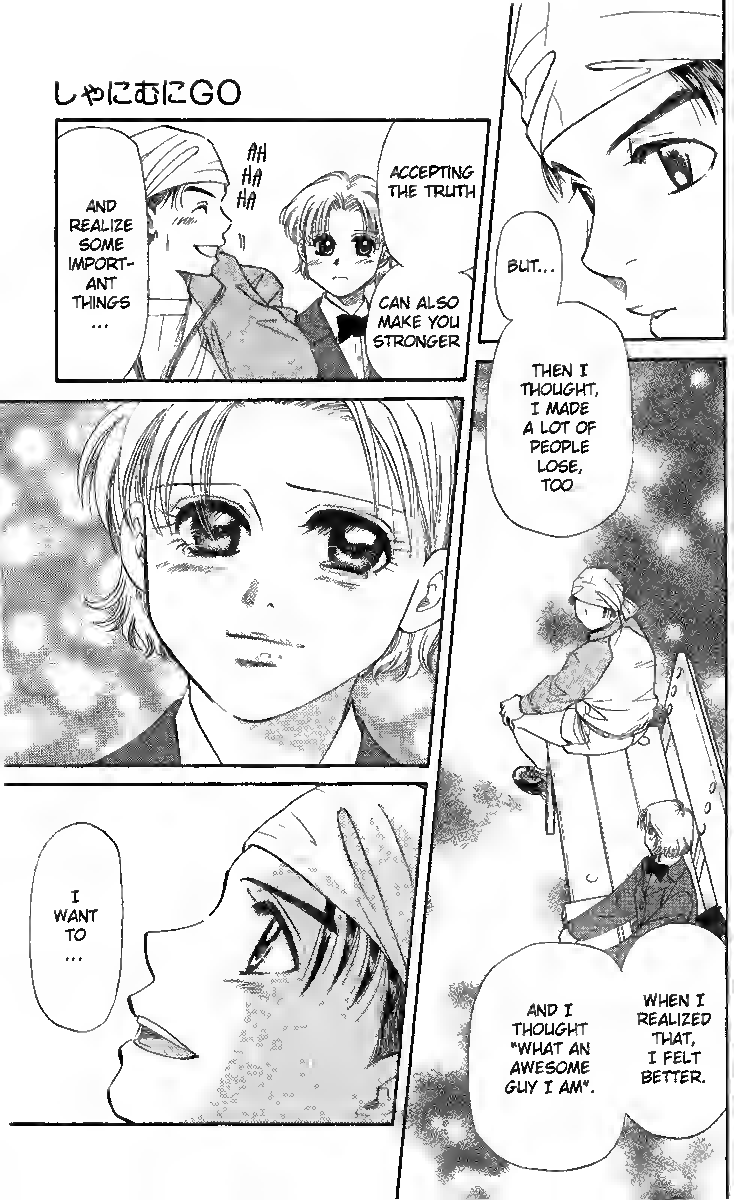
REALITY IS HARD TO ACCEPT ...

I DON'T THINK ...
YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING.

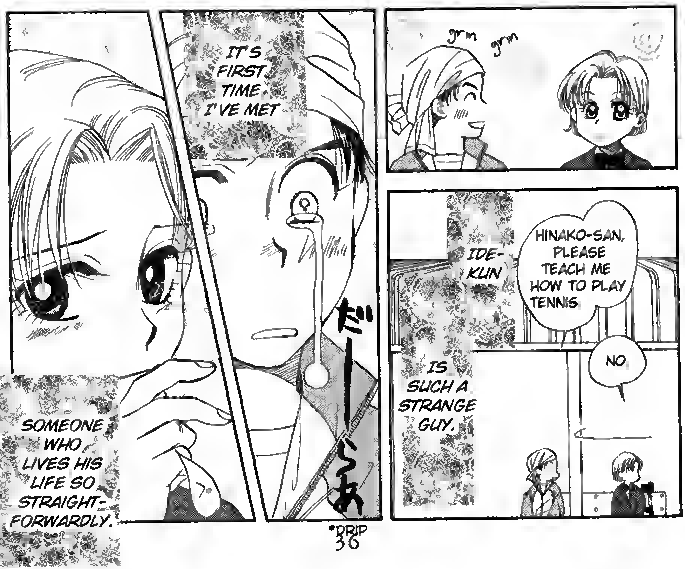

DO YOU KNOW... WHY I CAN'T MOVE MY LEFT LEG?
UH ...
I HEARD IT WAS A CAR ACCIDENT ...
YEAH... THE ACCIDENT HAPPENED LAST SUMMER, BUT...
IT WASN'T ACTUALLY SERIOUS.
JUST THAT WHEN I WAS IN PHYSICAL THERAPY, I CAUGHT A BAD COLD,
AND WAS INFECTED WITH A VIRUS.
THESE THINGS HAPPEN, THEY SAID...
.....
IT TOOK ME A WHILE ...
TO ACCEPT THE TRUTH.

I FEEL ...
AH...
LIKE SOMETHING HEAVY WAS LIFTED.
IN JUNIOR HIGH,
I WAS CALLED "THE RUNNING GENIUS."
ON THE FLIP SIDE OF MY PRIDE,
I BEGAN TO FEAR RUNNING
PEOPLE AROUND ME EITHER PINNED THEIR HIGH HOPES ON ME OR SET GOALS TO SURPASS ME.
"WINNING" BECAME AN ORDINARY EXPECTATION EVERYONE ONLY SEES THE BRIGHT SIDE OF IT.
CLENCH
THEY REFUSED TO SEE HOW I STRUGGLED. HOW MISERABLE I WAS.

THE SPRING OF 9TH GRADE, WE HAD AN INTRA-CLUB 100M PRACTICE.
AT THAT TIME,
A GUY ONE YEAR MY JUNIOR BEAT ME TO THE FINISH LINE.
DO YOU KNOW ...
WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THAT?
EVERYONE CHEERED!
AWESOME!
Incredible!
You made Ide Nobuhisa lose.
IT ONLY HAPPENED ONCE, BUT EVERYONE WAS HAPPY THAT THAT GUY MADE ME LOSE...
MY CLUBMATES, MY COACH ..
WHAT ABOUT MY FEELINGS ABOUT LOSING?
HOW COULD THEY CHEER IN FRONT OF THE SHOCKED ME?


BUT...
THEN I THOUGHT, I MADE A LOT OF PEOPLE LOSE, TOO
WHEN I REALIZED THAT, I FELT BETTER.
AND I THOUGHT "WHAT AN AWESOME GUY I AM".
I WANT TO ...
ACCEPTING THE TRUTH
AH HA HA
AND REALIZE SOME IMPORT-ANT THINGS ...
CAN ALSO MAKE YOU STRONGER

KEEP FEEL-ING
THE FUN.


IT'S FIRST TIME I'VE MET
だーらお
SOMEONE WHO LIVES HIS LIFE SO STRAIGHT-FORWARDLY.
*DRIP
grrn
grrn
IDE-KUN IS SUCH A STRANGE GUY.
HINAKO-SAN, PLEASE TEACH ME HOW TO PLAY TENNIS.
NO.

The next day ...
WHAT?
YEAH ...
YOU THINK TAKADA-SAN MIGHT HATE YOU?
YEAH, MAYBE SHE DOES.
I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT BEING PAIRED UP WITH IDE.
HEY! WE'RE ABOUT TO BEGIN!
WHAT?! THEN DON'T ASK MY OPINION!
*Ack
MIYAMO-CHAN, YOU'RE MEAN!!

IDE-KUN.
CLACK
UHM...
TAKADA HINAKO, CLASS 1-A.
I FEEL THAT
I'D LIKE TO APPLY FOR THE POSITION OF MANAGER FOR THE MEN'S TENNIS CLUB.
I MIGHT HAVE FOUND SOME-THING.

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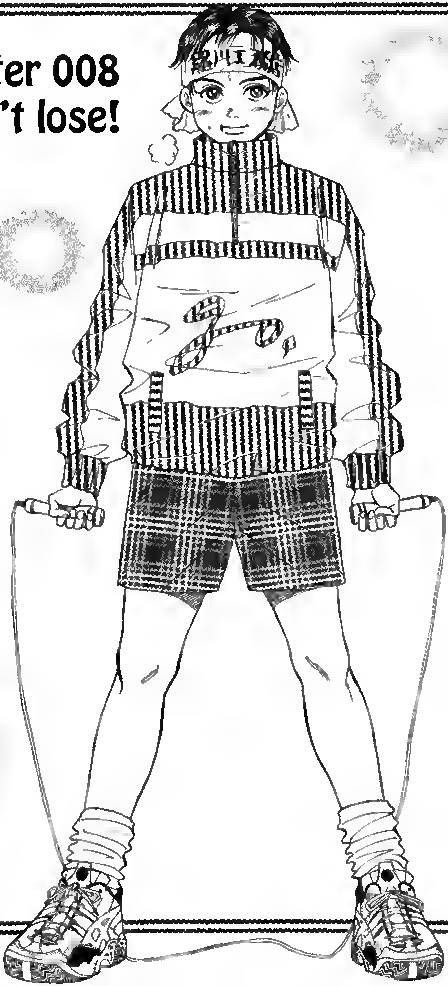
Chapter 008
I won't lose!



Have received the club uniform and jersey.

The new members

*POSE

WE'LL BE DRAINED EVEN BEFORE THE MATCH!

REVISE THE SCHEDULE TO FIT US!

BOO

BOO

FOLLOWED BY 4-WAY VOLLEY PRACTICE

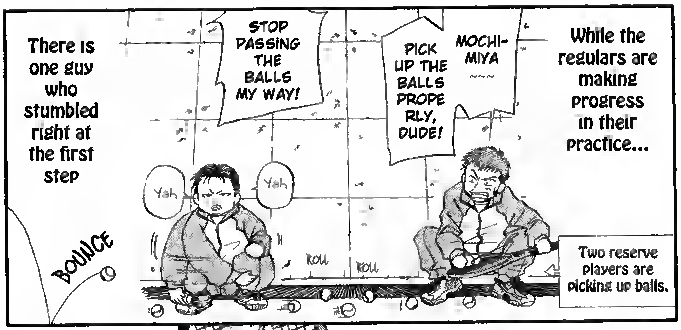
TODAY THE 10KM RUN, TWO-ON-ONE DRILLS FIGURE 8 DRILLS*

THAT'S TOO MUCH!

Three days before the tournament began, Hinako, the new manager, fixed their training schedule to fit Takita Ruui's standards.

*Groundstroke drills where two players hit crosscourt groundstrokes making them run side to side in an 8 pattern.)

キリッ
*glare
I AM NOT!!
びどーーーん
*byoooon!
I PREFER TAKITA-KUN'S STANDARDS OVER YOURS!
バッ
バシッ
MY LOB NEEDS WORK
WHAT WAS THAT LOB JUST NOW?! WE'LL GET SMASHED!
THAT'S NOT SOMETHING TO BOAST ABOUT, MORON!
MUMBLE MUMBLE
バシッ
Get on with the practice already
MUMBLE
MUMBLE
.....
GOOD JOB, TAKADA-SAN
SHE WHIPPED THOSE LOSERS INTO SHAPE...
Captain Shindou of the women's section


There is one guy who stumbled right at the first step
STOP PASSING THE BALLS MY WAY!
PICK UP THE BALLS PROPERLY, DUDE!
MOCHI-MIYA ~~~
While the regulars are making progress in their practice...
Yah
Yah
BOUNCE
ROLL
ROLL
Two reserve players are picking up balls.

Fault
WHAT DID HE DO WRONG ?
HMM...
Aaaa!

Most Japanese professional players, both former and current, used to be in the top tier in inter-high tournaments.

Before you reach the Kantou region's tennis tournament and the national tournament (Inter-high)

You must...

BAD ...

THIS IS...

Ide Nobuhisa's percent of in-bounds serves.

is only ten percent.

I'M NOT IMPROVING AT ALL.

Winning an inter-high tournament is the dream of all Japanese high school athletes...

I DON'T CARE ABOUT DOUBLES ANYWAY.

devil ?

participate in the spring's district preliminary tournament.
The first day of The Districts.
IDE IS LATE
SHOULD WE GO WITHOUT HIM?
駅
AH, THERE HE IS, with his funky running style
だっだっだっ
GREET
HELLO THERE!

EASY, EASY.
STOP THERE. You shouldn't lick on your kouhai.
THE BUS WILL BE HERE SOON. WE WON'T BE LATE.
FIRST YEARS SHOULD BE 15 MINUTES EARLY!!
DON'T "HELLO THERE" ME! YOU'RE FRIGGIN' LATE!!
pow pow
Ugh!
CRAT!
A 59-year-old Japanese teacher on the brink of retirement.
The Men's tennis club's counselor, Miki Gantarou (AKA Mickey),
DO YOUR BEST, EVERY-ONE.
必勝
spread
AND I JUST FOUND OUT TODAY THAT THEIR COUNS-ELOR IS MICKEY.
That's right. Uoh-kun mentioned that before
OH, SO WE DO HAVE A CLUB COUNSE LOR
HM?
WHO ARE YOU?

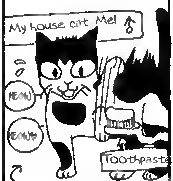
On the fan Victory

The Preliminaries are held at Funabashi Kouryou High.
SPARKLE
SPARKLE
WOW
SFX chatter chatter
IT REALLY IS A BIG TOURNA-MENT!!
SO MANY PEOPLE—!!
HEAT
SEEING SO MANY PEOPLE IS EXCIT-ING!
OH YEAH?
WE'LL WAIT OVER THERE.
It's great having a manager <3
I'LL REGISTER US AND GET THE SCHEDULE.
I'LL BE AT THE INFORM-ATION CENTER.
GRIP

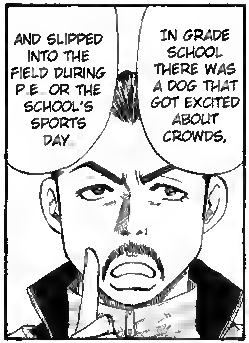
¼ No 2

Finally we've reached The Districts My original plan was to reach "The Rookie Tournament" in Vol 3. Oh no—! This is scary. The story should have progressed much faster. What was I thinking?! What?

When I was in high school, I wanted to join the tennis club but didn't. Now every time I hear people talk about the sport activities they did in high school, I feel envious. That time when I went to see the students for research, I thought "Wow! This kind of world really existed!" It made me happy to have received letters from readers saying "When I enter high school, I want to join the tennis club."



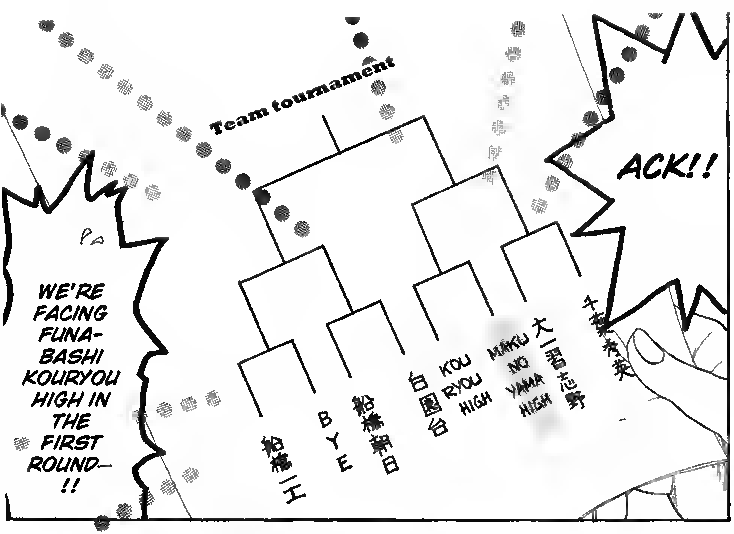
She slaps things she doesn't like with her paw.

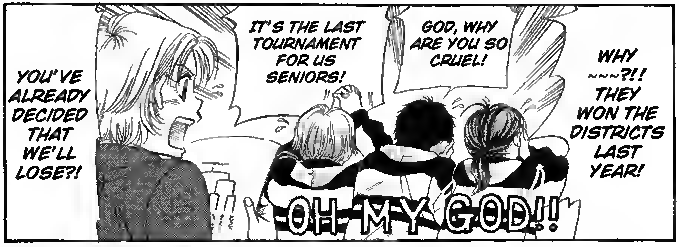

AND SLIPPED INTO THE FIELD DURING P.E. OR THE SCHOOL'S SPORTS DAY.
IN GRADE SCHOOL THERE WAS A DOG THAT GOT EXCITED ABOUT CROWDS.

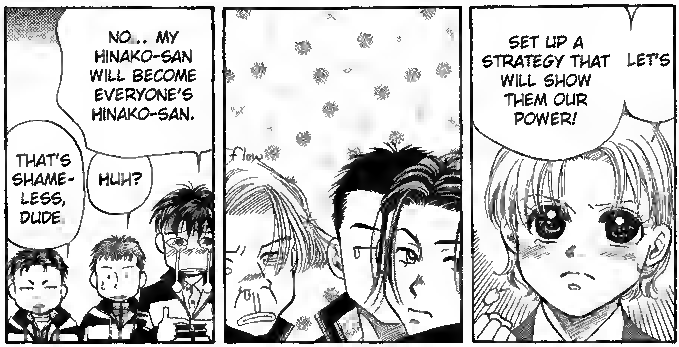
GEEZ! I WAS SO PREPARED TO PLAY TODAY
WEREN'T YOU LISTENING? WE TOLD YOU THAT THE FIRST DAY IS THE TEAM TOURNAMENT, FOLLOWED BY THE SINGLES, AND THE LAST DAY IS FOR DOUBLES.
I DON'T... HAVE A MATCH TODAY...?
"SO PREPARED TO PLAY TODAY?" YOU ONLY BROUGHT ONE RACKET.
HN!
EH?!
BUT THAT'S ALL YOU HAVE.
EVERY-THING ELSE IS COMPL-ETELY USELESS.
YOU'VE GOT POWERFUL STOKES,
WHAT'S WITH THAT JUMBO-SIZED RACKET BAG ANYWAY?!
WHAT ABOUT YOU? THAT'S TOO MANY RACKETS!
IDE, HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE TO MAKE A GOOD SERVE YET?
hmph

LISTEN...
I MAY NOT BE EXPECTING ANYTHING FOR DOUBLES.
BUT...
CROUCH
I DON'T WANT TO PLAY A PATHETIC MATCH.
WHO4, TAKITA. THAT'S HARSH!
POOR IDE. WE PAIRED HIM WITH TAKITA BECAUSE WE THOUGHT IT'D BE INTERESTING
TIGHTEN
WH-

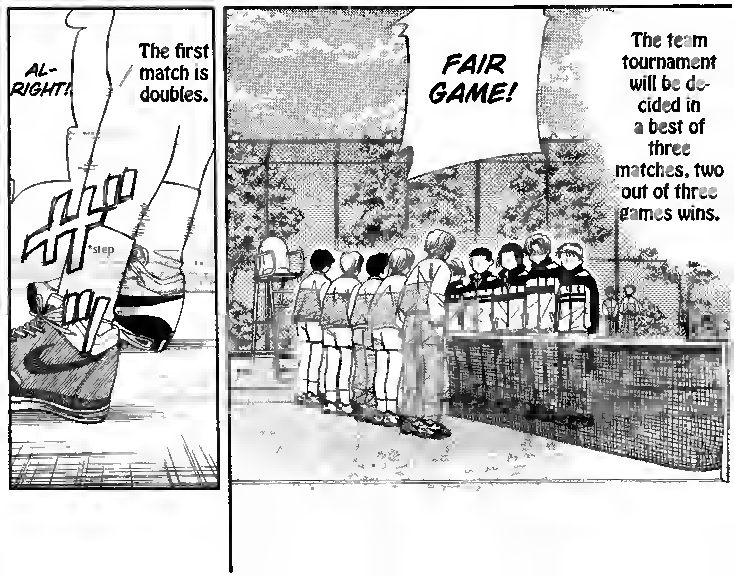
OF COURSE IT WON'T BE LIKE THAT!
WHAT ARE YOU SAY-ING?
Will he be okay?
RUU-KUN !! ♡
YAY
Let's win the first round.
Eh? Where?
WHY IS IT SO BRIGHT OVER THERE?
I GOT THE SCHEDULE
HERE.
TAP
IT'S SCARIER THAN SEEING HIM PISSED.
WELL...
I SMILED AT HIM, TOO.
MIYAMO-CHAN... I KEPT MY TEMPER IN CHECK... I'M AN ADULT NOW, RIGHT?


Team tournament
ACK!!
WE'RE FACING FUNABASHI KOURYOU HIGH IN THE FIRST ROUND—!!
船橋二工
船橋東日
BYE
白鷗台
KOU RYOU HIGH
MIKU NO YAMA HIGH
大一習志野
千葉秀英

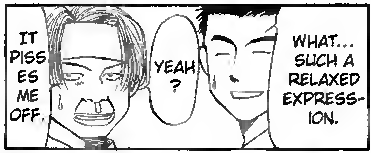

YOU'VE ALREADY DECIDED THAT WE'LL LOSE?!
IT'S THE LAST TOURNAMENT FOR US SENIORS!
GOD, WHY ARE YOU SO CRUEL!
WHY ~~~?!! THEY WON THE DISTRICTS LAST YEAR!
OH MY GOD!!


NO... MY HINAKO-SAN WILL BECOME EVERYONE'S HINAKO-SAN.
THAT'S SHAMELESS, DUDE
HUH?
flow
SET UP A STRATEGY THAT WILL SHOW THEM OUR POWER!
LET'S

MAKUNO-GAMA FOR FIRST ROUND?
WE'RE GONNA WIN BY A MILE.
2-0 FOR SURE.
IT'S OFF TOPIC, BUT MAKUNOGAMA'S MANAGER IS SUPER CUTE.
their manager
STRETCH
STICK
SFX:chatter chatter
Funabashi Kouryou's players

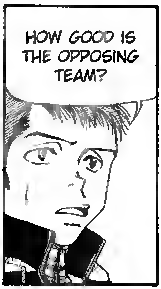

AL-RIGHT!
The first match is doubles.
step
FAIR GAME!
The team tournament will be decided in a best of three matches, two out of three games wins.

Fujitani and Misawa
LET'S DO IT!
DO YOUR BEST!
ALRIGHT!


IT PISSES ME OFF.
YEAH?
WHAT... SUCH A RELAXED EXPRESSION.

GOSH, I'M NOT PLAYING, BUT I FEEL SO TENSE.
ba dump
ba dump

THEY DIDN'T WIN A SINGLE GAME?!
FUJITANI AND MISAWA MET THEM IN THE ROOKIE TOURNAMENT LAST YEAR AND LOST 0-6.
NOPE.


HOW GOOD IS THE OPPOSING TEAM?

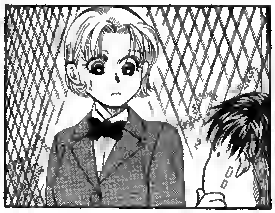
ONE-SET MATCH, MAKUNOGAMA TO SERVE. PLAY.
SH—!

GEEZ, KOURYOU IS GOOD.
MAKUNOGAMA O-IS KOURYOU
THEY JUST GOT LUCKY.
CALM DOWN.
0-30
0-40
GAME KOURYOU.

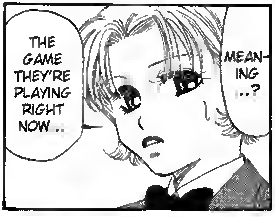
HEY.
HUH?
ARE WE LOSING?
ABSO-LUTE-LY...
WE HAVEN'T WON A SINGLE POINT, BUT WE DIDN'T GET SMASHED AT THE FIRST SERVE!!
WE DID GET A FEW RALLIES GOING. A HUGE IMPROVEMENT FROM LAST YEAR!
CLAP
THAT'S RIGHT!
NOT LOSING, DUMB-ASS!

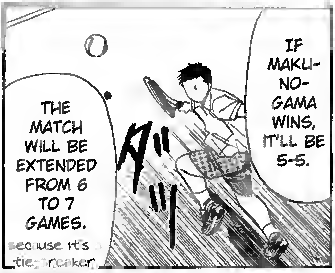
WHOA! THEY'RE IN HIGH SPIRIT!
So much it's scary!
AL-RIGHT!
WE'RE STILL GOOD TO GO.
BREAK TIME'S OVER.
AH.
IT'S JUST BEGUN.
THOSE GUYS ARE NOTHING.
NOTHING AT ALL.
IT WAS ONLY JUST A FEW DAYS BUT WE PRACTICED WITH TAKITA THE DEVIL.
OH!
CAN I GO WATCH THEM FOR A WHILE?
OF COURSE THERE'S NOTHING TO DO HERE.
MY STUDENTS ARE PLAYING!
WELL...

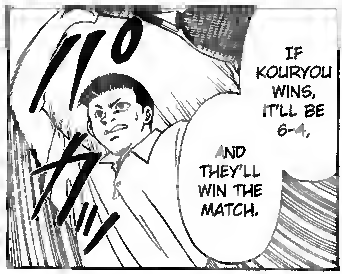
IT'S MY FAULT THAT THE CLUB HAS BECOME SO WEAK
BUT AT LEAST,
I WANT TO WATCH THEM FROM..
AFAR...
THEY HAVE TO FACE
THE LAST YEAR'S DISTRICT CHAMPIONS IN THE FIRST ROUND
I HAVE NO EXPERIENCE WITH TENNIS.
I CAN'T TEACH THOSE KIDS ANYTHING...
I FEEL...
SORRY FOR THEM...
AT 4-5
KOURYOU'S SERVICE GAME. SCORE 30-30
WHATTTTT?!!
NAME
GAME 1
Kouryou
30
5
Makuno gama
15
4



HEY ...
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
I'm confused.


MEAN-ING ...?
THE GAME THEY'RE PLAYING RIGHT NOW ..


IF MAKU-NO-GAMA WINS, IT'LL BE 5-5.
THE MATCH WILL BE EXTENDED FROM 6 TO 7 GAMES.
because it's tie breaker


IF KOURYOU WINS, IT'LL BE 6-4,
AND THEY'LL WIN THE MATCH.

HE GOT IT!

!!
カッ
TOO HIGH.
THEY'LL GET SMASHED DOWN.
KOURYOU 40-30 MAKUNO-GAMA.

MATCH POINT!
KOU-RYOU.
STOP IT, BRAT.
What am I saying?!
DAMMIT! DAMMIT! YOU'RE SO MEAN!
PUNCH
PUNCH
PUNCH
DAM-MIT!
YEAH...
WHEN WE WERE FIRST YEARS, THE CLUB HAD MANY MORE MEMBERS THAN IT DOES NOW...
BUT PEOPLE SAID IT WAS A LOUSY CLUB,
AND LEFT...

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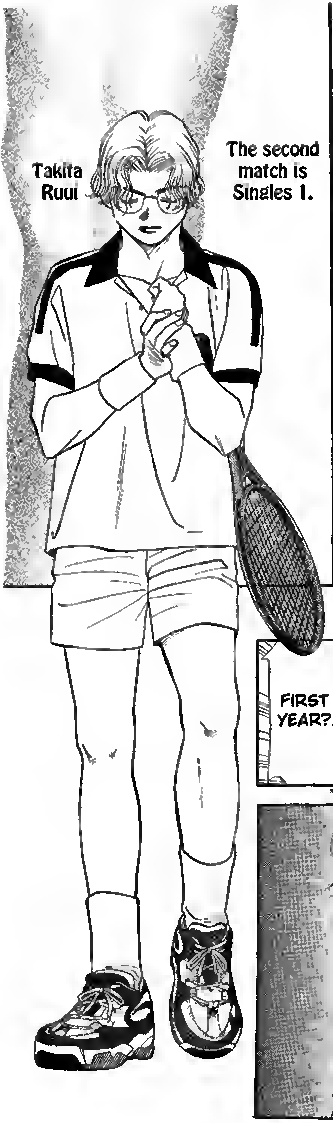
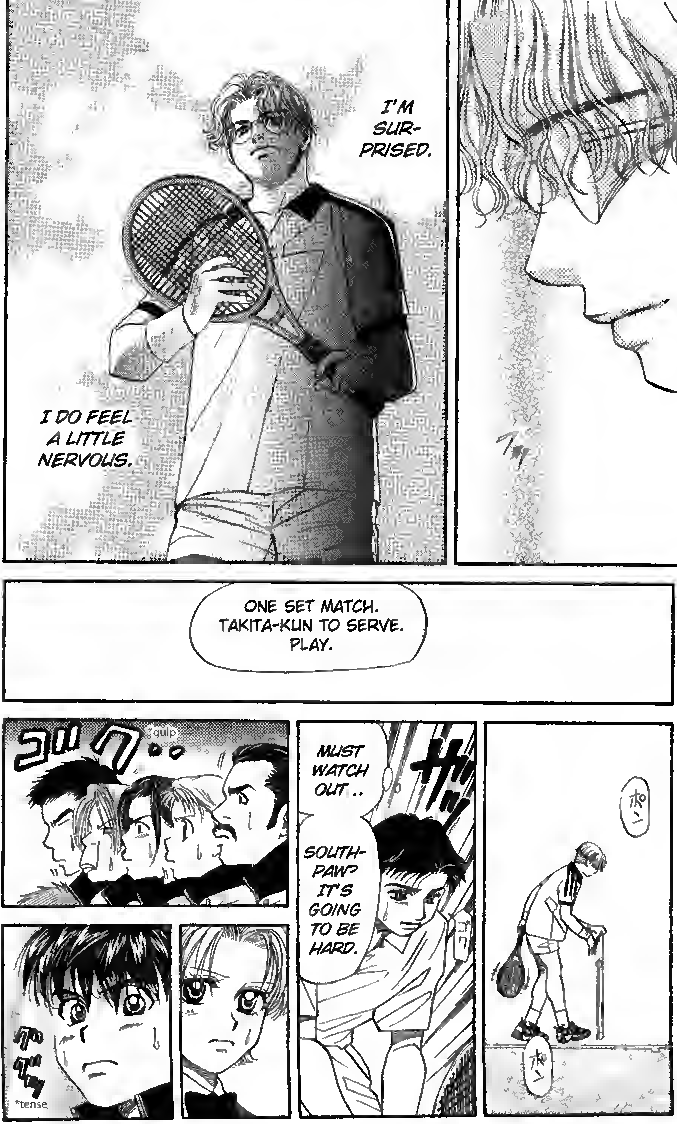
ヒュ
ブオン
!!
ハア
ハア
ハア

6-4
KOURYOU
WON.
GAME
SET.
WE'VE WANTED TO GO HEAD TO HEAD WITH STRONG OPPONENTS IN A CLOSE MATCH...
THANK YOU.
WE DID AMAZ-INGLY WELL.
FOR A LONG TIME,

SFX HEARTBEATS
ドクン
ドクン
ドクン
WHAT AM I DOING?
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
IF THIS GOES ON..
SFX HA HA HA
はっはっはっ
YEAH?
I THOUGHT WE HAD IT.
ドクン
I'LL ONLY DRAG RUI! DOWN WITH ME.
I DON'T WANT TO COMPETE IN A PATHETIC MATCH, EITHER.
I THINK IT WAS A GOOD GAME.
STEP
ドクン


Takita Ruui
The second match is Singles 1.
MY TURN NOW.
EH?!
TAKITA COMPLIMENTED US!
THAT GUY CAN SAY SOMETHING NICE LIKE A NORMAL HUMAN BEING, TOO?!
*shocked
I'VE NEVER SEEN THAT GUY BEFORE HE'LL BE PLAYING SINGLES 1*?
I THINK HE'S A FIRST YEAR.
FIRST YEAR?!
* Normally the member who competes in singles 1 is the team's best player.
A FIRST YEAR AND HE'S ALREADY A REGULAR? I SHOULD WATCH OUT FOR THE FIRST GAME


I'M SURPRISED.
I DO FEEL A LITTLE NERVOUS.
ONE SET MATCH. TAKITA-KUN TO SERVE. PLAY.
gulp
MUST WATCH OUT ..
SOUTH-PAW? IT'S GOING TO BE HARD.
tense

ALL

OTHER-
WISE,
THE
GAME
WON'T
BEGIN
...
SERVE
...
THE
SERVE
MUST BE
IN, NO
MATTER
WHAT.
EH?

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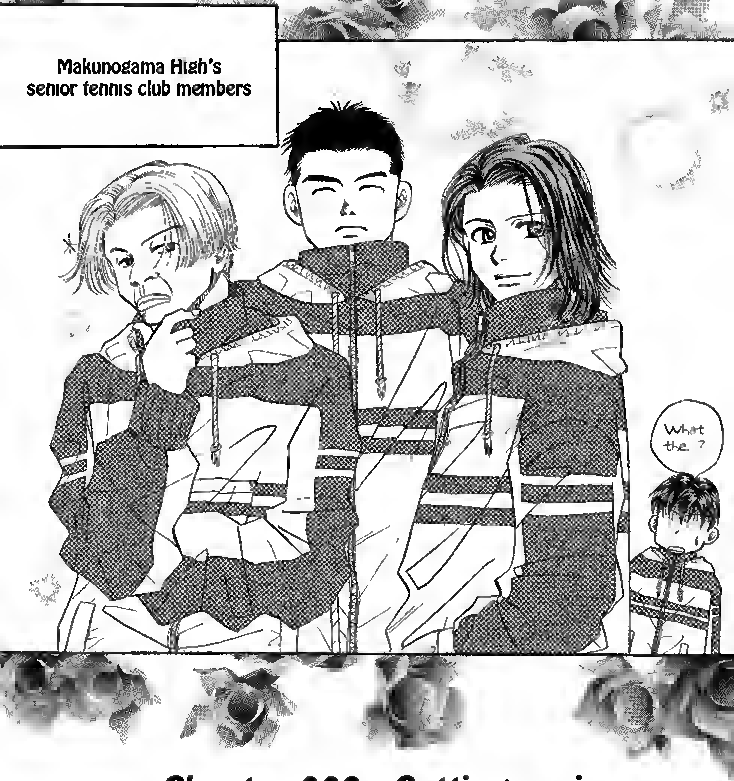

Chapter 009 - Getting serious

Game count.
Makunosama (Takita)
5
1
0
Kouryou
Makunosama (Takita)
15-15
Kouryou

Makunogama (Takita)
30-15
Kouryou
T-
TAKITA YOU DOG ...!!
YOU' RE...
WH- WHO'S THIS GUY?

SHIMIZU-SENPAI REACHED THE PREFECTURE'S QUARTERFINALS LAST YEAR, YOU KNOW!
WH-WHO'S THE FRESHMAN FROM MAKUNO-GAMA?
IT WAS MATCH POINT IN A BLINK OF THE EYE!
Kouryou High
AMAZ-ING
TOO GOOD
!!
HALF A YEAR ...
I NEED TO FILL THE GAP QUICKLY.
IT'S NOT BACK YET
COM-PLETELY LOUSY
WE KNOW YOU'RE GOOD, BUT THIS IS OVER-KILL!
Makunogama
15-40
Kouryou

GET BACK IN SHAPE FASTER!
I'M NOT THERE YET!
I NEED TO HURRY AND GET THAT FEELING BACK!
REACT MORE QUICKLY

NET DASH
HE'S ATTACK-ING!
GULP
MORE!
CHASE THE BALL MORE!

HE ISN'T LETTING SHIMIZU-SENPAI WIN A SINGLE GAME
NO WAY! A PASSING SHOT!
GAME SET
6-0 MAKUNOGAMA WON.
.....
THANK YOU.
Takita Ruui
HMPH!
INCREDIBLE... THAT PASSING SHOT WAS SO NEAT!
DAMN YOU, TAKIT.! SO COCKY!
SO THAT'S CALLED A PASSING SHOT.

I WORE HIM OUT.
HUMBLE
HUMBLE
BUT A MATCH IS A MATCH.
swept the first victory without allowing the opponent a single game.
Thank you
TA...
TA KI TA AA A!!
WICKED AWE-SOME! YOU'RE MAD RAD .....!
<CHEERS>
WHA? !! GET AWAY FROM ME?!!
NOW IT'S 1-1! WE'RE TIED?!
<EMBRACE>

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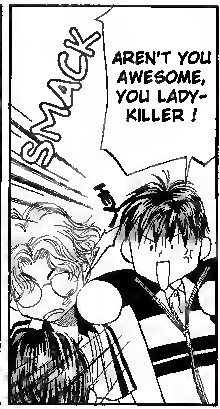
A conversation between the mangaka and her assistant

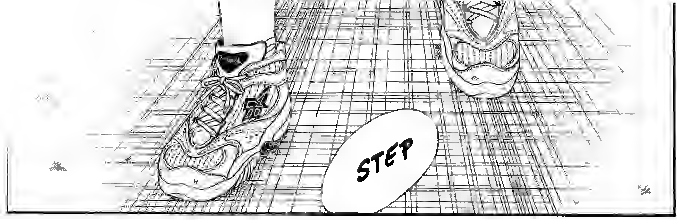
M: If I don't give Saseko a scene in vol 1, I'm afraid the reader will forget him. It's hard to include him

A: Huh?! (realizes something) Does that mean Shun-sama's price per scene is very high?

M: That's right. Then the cheapest would be Nobucchi. But for me, the highest-priced one is Ruui's papa, because while Saseko is like a teen idol, Ruui's papa is a seasoned stage villain. Heh heh heh

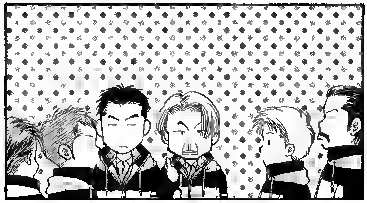
- The End -

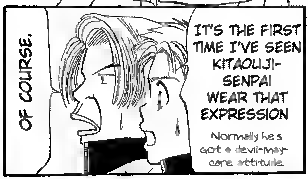


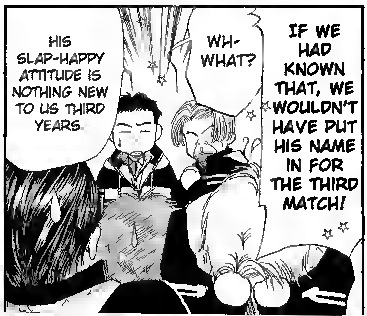

STEP

WHY, SUCH AN IMPORTANT MATCH?... WHY ME?
BADUMP
BADUMP

WH-
BADUMP
BADUMP
BADUMP
GO FOR IT, KITAOUJI-SENPAI ---
STEP
STEP
WHY... ?!




IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN KITAOUJI-SENPAI WEAR THAT EXPRESSION
Normally he's got a devil-may-care attitude.
OF COURSE.


IF WE HAD KNOWN THAT, WE WOULDN'T HAVE PUT HIS NAME IN FOR THE THIRD MATCH!
WH-WHAT?
HIS SLAP-HAPPY ATTITUDE IS NOTHING NEW TO US THIRD YEARS.

THAT GUY ALWAYS THROWS THE MATCH.
BE-CAUSE ...

THEN I'LL SERVE FIRST.
GLITTER
TAIL.
AH?!
GEEZ
HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY ISN'T MY STYLE.
YOU WIN IN TERMS OF LOOKS!
KITAOUJI! DON'T WORRY!
YOUR STRONG POINT IS YOUR FACE SENPAI!
LET'S
SET UP A STRATEGY THAT WILL SHOW THEM OUR POWER!

TAKITA WILL SECURE ONE VICTORY.
SINGLES 1
FOR DOUBLES, WE'LL GO WITH CAPTAIN FUJITANI AND MISAWA -SAN
THAT' S EASY
THEN SINGLES 2
KENTA WILL TRY HIS BEST!
WARM-UP TIME'S ENDED.
ONE SET MATCH. KOURYOU TO SERVE. PLAY.
AL-RIGHT.

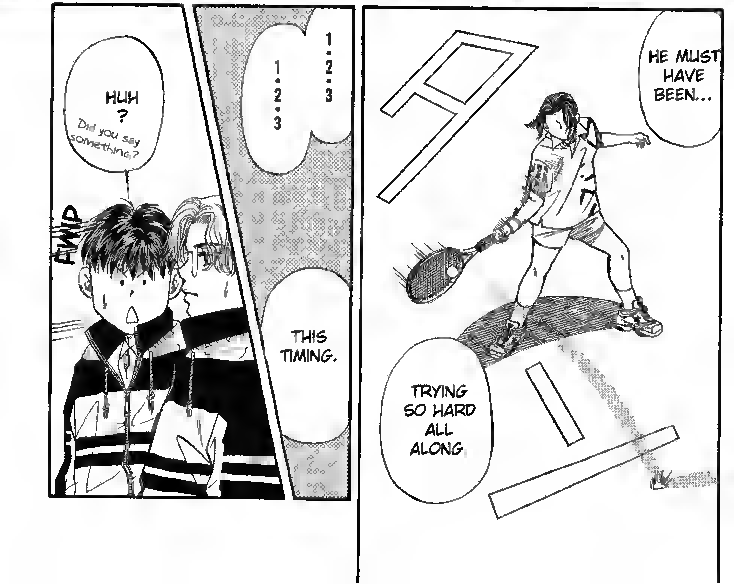
HUP!
OUR SECOND BEST IS UCHI!
AH!
DAMMIT ? CROSS COURT?
I THOUGHT IT WAS STRAIGHT.
I MISCAL-CULATED.
SINGLES 2 WILL BE KITAOUJI -SENPAI
EH?! ME?!
WHY ?!

WHY ME?!
SO THAT YOU'LL HAVE SOME GOOD MEMORIES TO THINK BACK ON,
SENPAI
0-30
AH! NET!
Too Bad!
0-40
WHA!

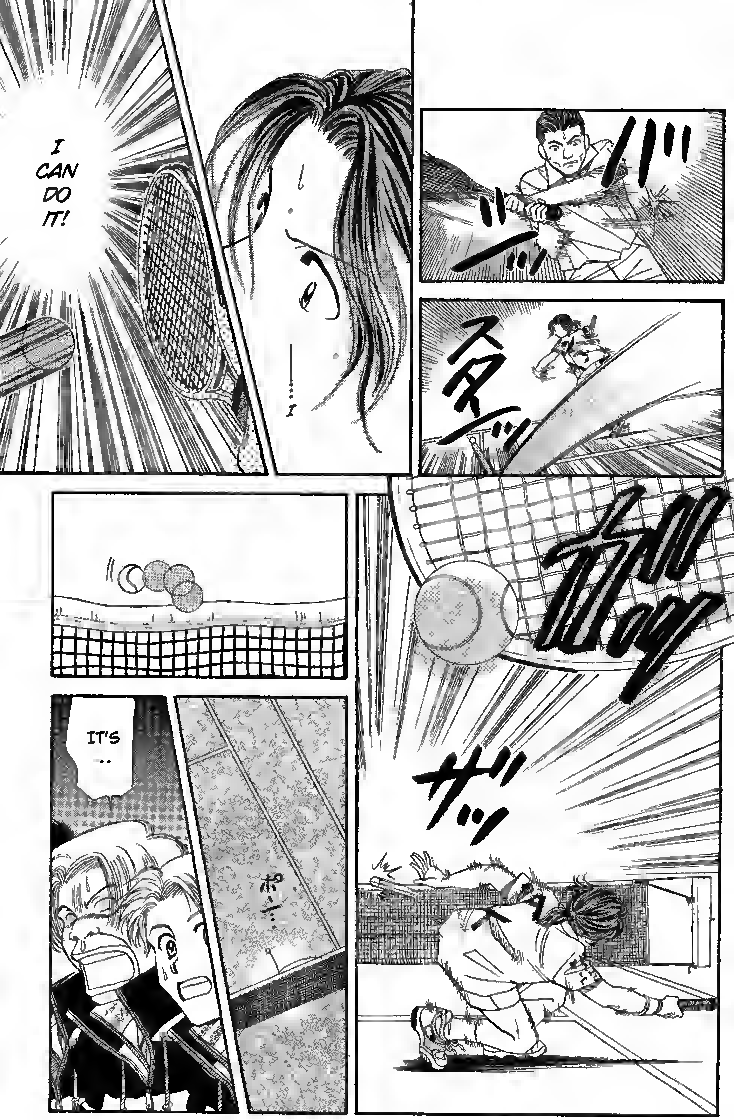
GAME. KOURYOU.
EEK ---
GOOD MEMORIES...?
KUB
HAH
OR IT'LL BECOME...
AN IRREPARABLE REGRET.
IT WON'T BECOME A GOOD MEMORY
UNLESS I DO MY BEST.

IDE-KUN.
YES?
ERM . TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT KITAOUJI -SENPAI'S SERVE
HIS SERVES ARE USU-ALLY FLAT SERVES.
I THINK IT'D BE A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR YOU.
FLAT SERVE?
WHAT'S THAT?!
.....
IT'S THE TYPE OF SERVE YOU USUALLY DO,
WITHOUT ADDING DIRECTION TO THE BALL.

KITAOUJI-SENPAI DOESN'T HAVE MUCH POWER, BUT...
HIS SERVE IS ALMOST ALWAYS IN.
THAT STANDARD FORM IS FROM THE CEASELESS PRACTICE HIS BODY ENDURED TO LEARN IT.


HE MUST HAVE BEEN...
TRYING SO HARD ALL ALONG
THIS TIMING.
1・2・3
1・2・3
HUH?
Did you say something?

1
BALANCE WITH YOUR RIGHT LEG. TOSS THE BALL UP
2
SHIFT YOUR WEIGHT TO THE LEFT. SHIFT BACK
3...
SWING YOUR ARM
LIKE DRAWING A CIRCLE.
ONE TWO THREE
ONE TWO THREE
LIKE A WALTZ.
HAH ?!


I CAN DO IT!
IT'S ..

I THOUGHT IT WAS CAUGHT BY THE FRAME.
SERI-OUSLY ?!
IT'S .. IN..
GAME MAKUS NOGAMA
HE REALLY HAS IT IN HIM!
UNBELIEV-ABLE!
KITAOUJI-SENPAI, KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!
YEAH! HE SAVED HIS SERVICE GAME.
OKAY ...
AH ...
SORRY!
CHE!
TRUE
Good for him.
WITH THAT PERSON-ALITY YOU JUST CAN'T GET MAD AT HIM

AMAZ-ING...
REALLY.... WHY IS MY HEART BEATING SO FAST ?!
THUMP
THUMP
ガッ
IT'S LIKE NOTHING ELSE I'VE EVER FELT.
THUMP
ビ
UGH!
ガッ
I WANT TO PLAY SOON!
ドックン
I WANT TO HIT THE BALL!
ドックン

I WANT TO RUN IN THE COURT...!

SO CLOSE!
AH...!!
WHAT A PITY !!
UGH!
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だんっ
DAMN IT...

YEAH... I NEVER THOUGHT HE'D STICK WITH US TILL THE END.
I THOUGHT KITAOUJI WOULD BE THE FIRST ONE TO LEAVE THE CLUB.
KEEP YOUR COOL!
YOU'VE BEEN PLAYING TENNIS FOR THREE YEARS.
THREE YEARS!
ACTU-ALLY...
NICE TO MEET YOU!
HI!
THE FIRST TIME WE MET HIM,
HE WAS AS SLAP-HAPPY AS A GUY CAN GET.
IT'S SO N OT MY THING.
I'M NOT VERY SPOR TY
YOU'RE SUCH A FLIRT-ATIOUS DOG
I THOUGHT TENNIS WAS SOMETHING WE'D PRACTICE WITH GIRLS
First, you'll need a hair style
COME ON, RUNNING DESPER-ATELY, COVERED IN SWEAT.
ISN'T THAT SO LAME?

YEAH
AND RUNNING DESPERATELY, TOO.
THAT GUY,
HE'S COVERED IN SWEAT RIGHT NOW.
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パーッ
パカーン
パカン

THE THREE OF US
HAVE BEEN TOGETHER FOR THREE WHOLE YEARS.
IN THE END...
KITAOUJI-SENPAI LOST, 6-2.
HA
HA
AH ... WELL ...
I TRIED MY BEST BUT... SORRY.
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
.....

IT WAS WONDERFUL, SENPAI!
DUMBASS!!
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
THAT HURTS! HURT!
YOU'VE DONE PLENTY!
WHA
<BANG BANG THUMP THUMP THUMP>
YES! IT WAS AN EXTRAORDINARILY FANTASTIC MATCH--!
<JOLT>
I'M SO MOVED!!
YOUNG MEN'S BODIES COVERED IN SWEAT!
WHAT'S MATTER, MICKEY? YOU STARTLED US.
HE GAVE ME A FRIGHT
WHEN DID YOU GET HERE?

HEY!
EH?!
I WISH THE TEAM TOURNAMENT WOULD END SOON. SINGLES ARE NEXT.
WELL, NOW THAT WE'VE GOT A FREE AFTER-NOON
MY DEAR STUDENTS! FLY INTO THE EMBRACE OF YOUR SENSEI!!
On the first day of the team tournament.
WHAT
With 1 win and 2 losses, Makunogama High was tragically eliminated in the first round.

Ide Nobuhisa left the tournament grounds to train.
I MUST TRAIN !!
TRAIN !

continued practicing his serves until the sky became dark.
AWW! WHAT A USELESS THING TO DO.
WHAT? In the middle of the match?
HE WENT BACK TO OUR SCHOOL'S COURT.
EH? WHERE'S IDE?
THAT GUY CAN'T SERVE PROPERLY
That day, Ide-kun...
WILL HE BE ALRIGHT BY HIM-SELF?
Treated like a kid again
He has...
fallen into the pit that every-one who plays sports eventu-ally falls into, and can't easily climb out of it.
WHY CAN'T I GET IT RIGHT?!

The second day of the tournament.
DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE FIRST YEAR FROM MAKUNOGAMI HIGH YESTERDAY?
YEAH.
HE'S EXTREMELY GOOD, ISN'T HE?
THEY SAID HE BEAT SHIMIZU OF KOURYOU HIGH, 6-0.
TAKITA-KUN,
THE MATCH IN COURT #2 IS ABOUT TO BEGIN

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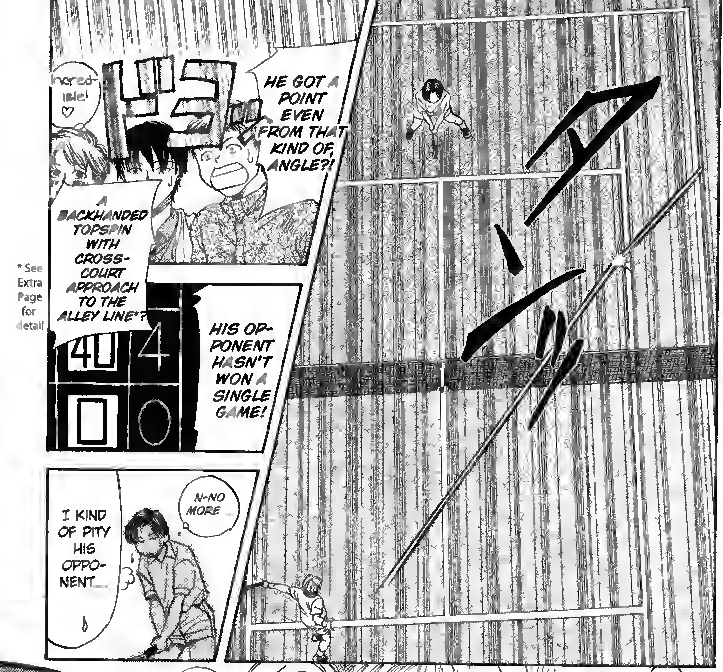
THAT GUY IS COMPETING IN COURT #2!
THAT FRESHMAN FROM MAKU-NOGAMA HIGH?
TAKITA RUUI
I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM AROUND BEFORE!
WHICH MIDDLE SCHOOL DID HE GRADUATE FROM?
CHATTER CHATTER
WHAT'S HIS NAME?


Incred-ible! ♡
HE GOT A POINT EVEN FROM THAT KIND OF ANGLE?!
A BACKHANDED TOPSPIN WITH CROSS-COURT APPROACH TO THE ALLEY LINE*?
* See Extra Page for detail
40
4
0
HIS OPPONENT HASN'T WON A SINGLE GAME!
I KIND OF PITY HIS OPPONENT...
N-NO MORE...

HUFF
CREAK
CREAK
HUFF
CREAK

TAKITA IS AWE-SOME...
CREAK!
THEY'RE ON TOTALLY DIFFERENT LEVELS
I BET HE NEVER GETS NERVOUS, DOES HE?
OOH! I'm up next!
Huh?
REALLY? HE SEEMS TENSE TO ME THOUGH...
HOW?
.....
How?
AT THE TIME OF IMPACT, MY RACKET WAS NOT PERFECTLY FIXED.
GRIP
I'VE GOTTA KEEP MY EYE ON THE BALL!
GRIP

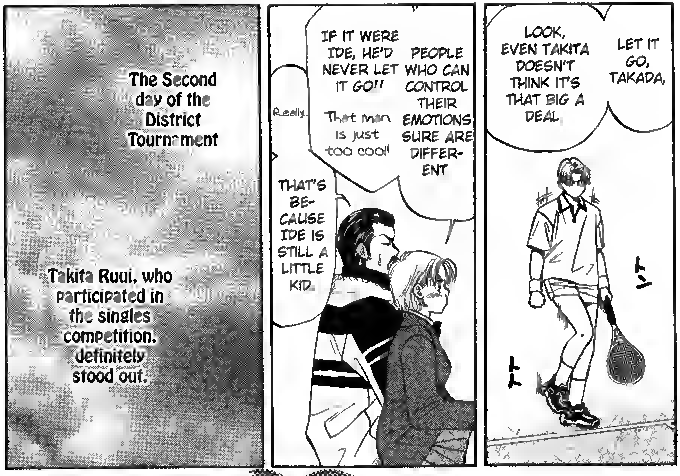
IT WAS MISSED BY A WIDTH OF TWO TENNIS BALLS.--
THE TENNIS BALL...
HAS STOPPED ...

THE SAME ANGLED TECH-NIQUE AS LAST TIME?!
OUT !!
AH... TOO BAD IT WAS OUT.
Can't I see clearly at all
WHAT?! THAT WAS ON THE LINE!
STARTLED
HEY!! LINE UMPIRE!! YOU MADE A BAD CALL JUST NOW!!
Shake
Shake
BUT IT WAS - OUT...

1/4 space No 4
Concentration

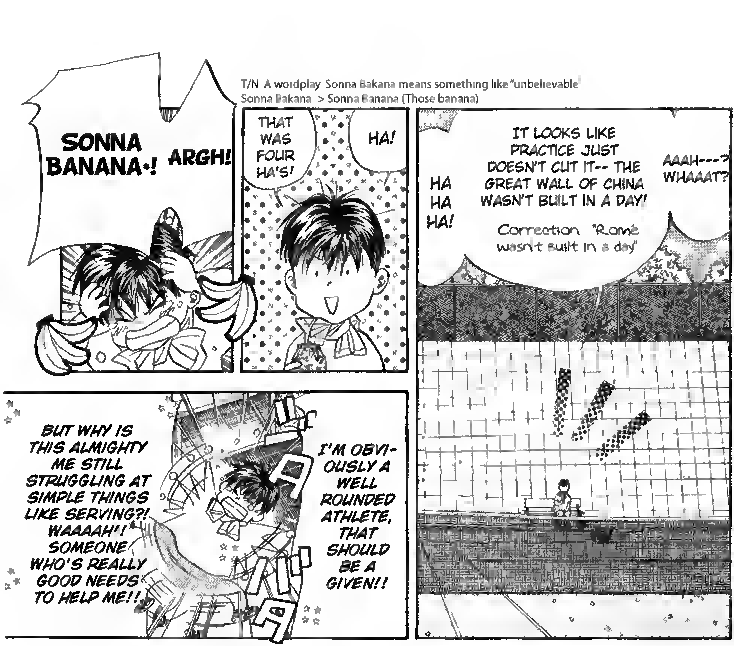
How tiring is it if you concentrate on something? How difficult is it to concentrate on one thing? In terms of concentration, I can see how important it could be in tennis, even though I am a mangaka Concentration on naming or drawing a draft would make it progress very fast However once one is distracted it would be very difficult to return to that pace There are two types of people, one can concentrate immediately and the other concentrates gradually I would be the latter For me it would take hours sometimes days to get back to my pace once I was distracted I can't very well say how lost I feel when I get distracted The distraction such as a phone call, a meal or a note from the editor, would come all of a sudden This is why I understand how Ruui feels when he was misjudged

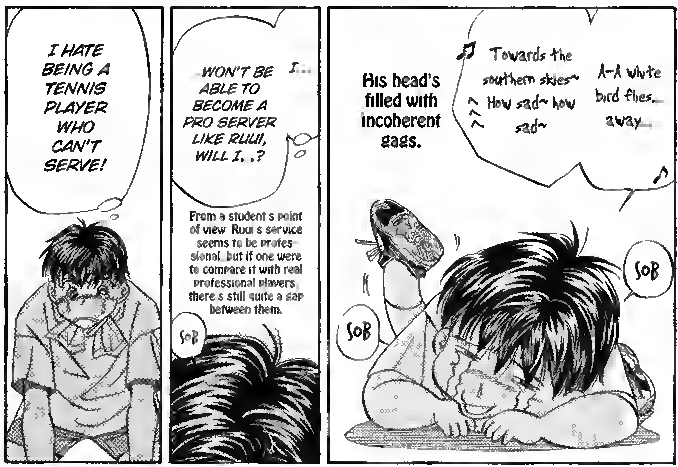
THIS ISN'T A BIG TOURNAMENT. THE DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS' UMPIRES MAY HAVE LIMITED SKILL.
There're only two of them too
I thought it was on the line
IT'S HARD TO SAY
WHAT HAPPENED JUST NOW?
CREAK
CREAK
JUST IGNORE THOSE WHO CAN'T SEE THE BALLS WELL.
CREAK
THAT BALL JUST NOW
WAS ON THE LINE
DON'T LET IT BOTHER YOU,
CONCENTRATE.

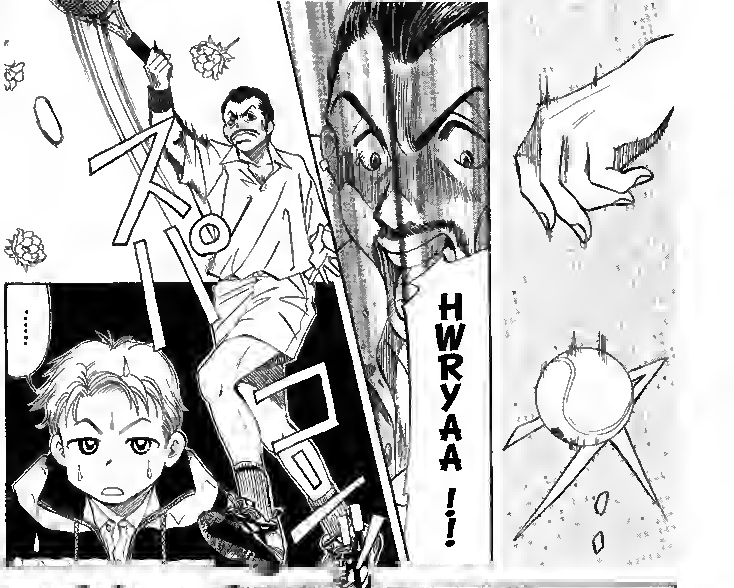

The Second day of the District Tournament
Takita Ruui, who participated in the singles competition, definitely stood out.
Really.
That man is just too cool!
IF IT WERE IDE, HE'D NEVER LET IT GO!!
PEOPLE WHO CAN CONTROL THEIR EMOTIONS SURE ARE DIFFERENT
THAT'S BECAUSE IDE IS STILL A LITTLE KID.
LOOK, EVEN TAKITA DOESN'T THINK IT'S THAT BIG A DEAL.
LET IT GO, TAKADA.

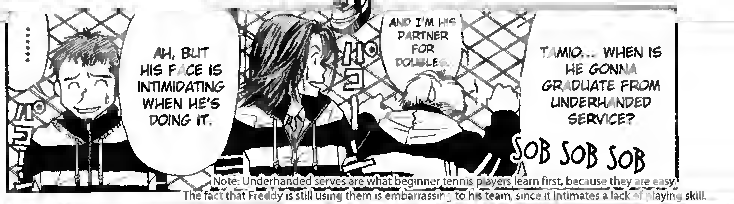
PA-
HA-
Meanwhile, Ide...

T/N A wordplay Sonna Bakana means something like "unbelievable"
Sonna Bakana > Sonna Banana (Those banana)


SONNA BANANA-! ARGH!
THAT WAS FOUR HA'S!
HA!
HA HA HA!
IT LOOKS LIKE PRACTICE JUST DOESN'T CUT IT-- THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA WASN'T BUILT IN A DAY!
Correction 'Rome wasn't built in a day'
AAAH---? WHAAAT?
BUT WHY IS THIS ALMIGHTY ME STILL STRUGGLING AT SIMPLE THINGS LIKE SERVING?! WAAAAH!! SOMEONE WHO'S REALLY GOOD NEEDS TO HELP ME!!
I'M OBVIOUSLY A WELL ROUNDED ATHLETE, THAT SHOULD BE A GIVEN!!

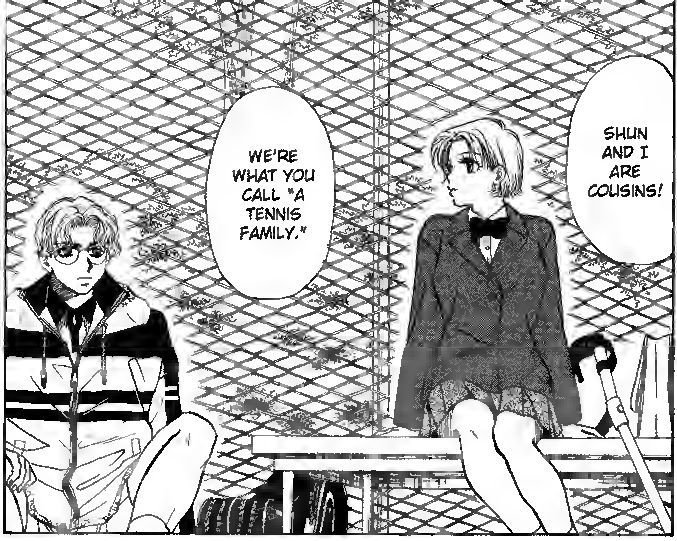

I HATE BEING A TENNIS PLAYER WHO CAN'T SERVE!
I... WON'T BE ABLE TO BECOME A PRO SERVER LIKE RUUI, WILL I..?
From a student's point of view Ruui's service seems to be professional, but if one were to compare it with real professional players, there's still quite a gap between them.
SOB
His head's filled with incoherent gags.
♪ Towards the southern skies~ How sad~ how sad~
A-A white bird flies... away...
SOB
SOB

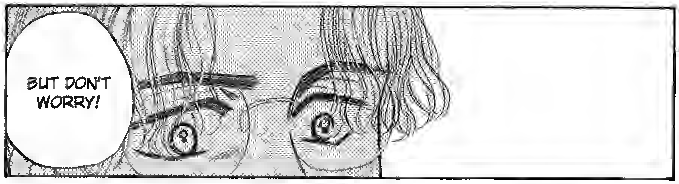


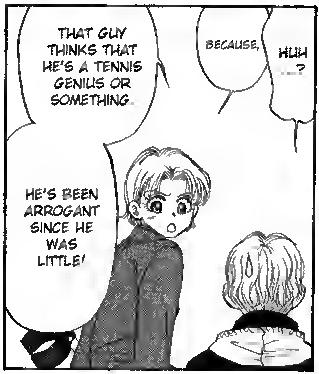

TAMIO... WHEN IS HE GONNA GRADUATE FROM UNDERHANDED SERVICE?
AND I'M HIS PARTNER FOR DOUBLE
AH, BUT HIS FACE IS INTIMIDATING WHEN HE'S DOING IT.
SOB SOB SOB

Note: Underhanded serves are what beginner tennis players learn first, because they are easy. The fact that Freddy is still using them is embarrassin' to his team, since it intimates a lack of playing skill.

I GAVE UP TENNIS ONCE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, BUT I WAS PLAYING IT IN GRADE SCHOOL!
I EVEN WENT ALL THE WAY TO THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S NATIONALS.
OH...
Not interested at all are you?
BUT I ONLY WENT THROUGH TO THE THIRD ROUND.
BUT IN THE BOY'S FINALS,
IT WAS ALWAYS DOWN TO YOU AND SHUN!
Even at the National Junior's Tournament too, right?
I HEARD YOU DISAPPEARED FROM THE JUNIOR'S TOURNAMENT.
BUT DIDN'T THINK YOU'D STILL BE PLAYING TENNIS AS A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT!
I BET SHUN DOESN'T KNOW YET!
SHUN?
YOU... KNOW SASEKO SHUN PERSONALLY?

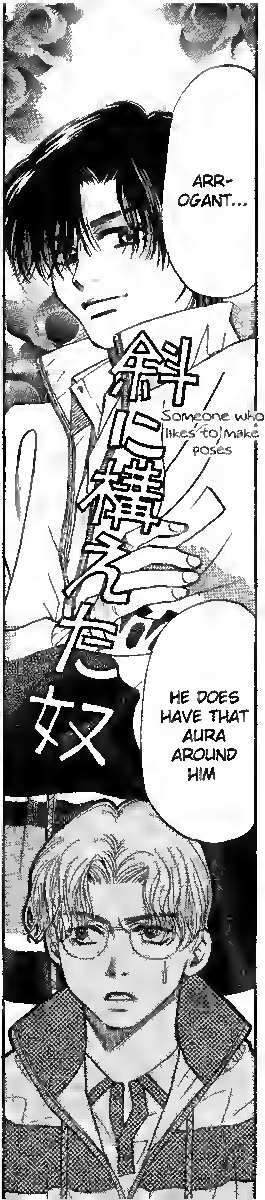

SHUN AND I ARE COUSINS!
WE'RE WHAT YOU CALL "A TENNIS FAMILY."


BUT DON'T WORRY!


THAT GUY THINKS THAT HE'S A TENNIS GENIUS OR SOMETHING.
BECAUSE,
HUH ...?
HE'S BEEN ARROGANT SINCE HE WAS LITTLE!

...I HATE HIM
BECAUSE...

THEN
EH?
I'M NOT COMING BACK TO GET YOU, SO YOU HAVE TO KEEP IT IN MIND!
THE SECOND ROUND IS ON COURT #4 DON'T BE LATE!
Tap
Tap
WHERE'S SHE GOING?
.....
I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU DIDN'T TO GO BACK TO YOUR OLD TENNIS CLUB...
.. TAKITA-KUN,
Tap


ARR-OGANT...
絶対に許さない奴
Someone who likes to make poses
HE DOES HAVE THAT AURA AROUND HIM

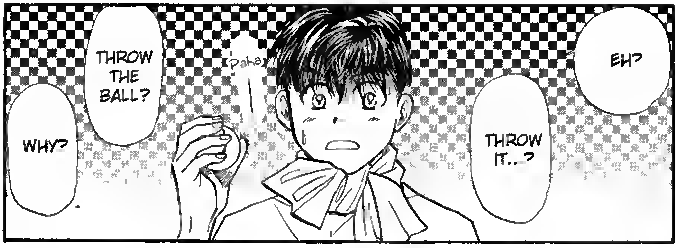
who understands that the most...
...is Ruui himself!
The one
WHAT YOU LOST DURING THAT WASTED TIME ISN'T SOMETHING YOU CAN EASILY MAKE UP FOR BY YOURSELF.
He hasn't been able to find anyone that makes him want to exert his abilities, and help him improve.
In this tournament.
HEAD

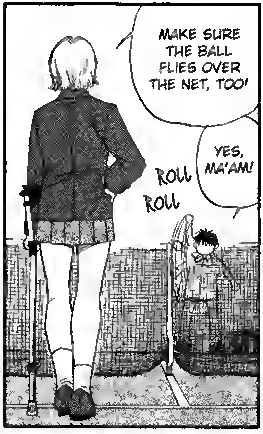
HYAH!
Three!
ONCE I ADD SPEED, I LOSE CONTROL OF WHERE THE BALL GOES
STILL OUT BY A MILE
One, two, three!
Huff
wipe
Huff

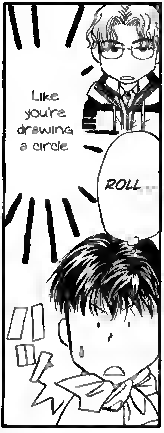
DAMMIT! ARE THESE BALLS BROKEN OR SOMETHING?!
WHY?! WHY?!
GWAHH!
AH...
HINAKO-SHAN...
EH?
WHAT ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT...?
HE'S CRYING AGAIN.

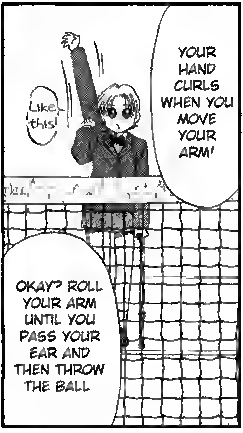
HOW'S IT GOING?
GOTTEN THE HANG OF IT YET?
I CAN HIT IT IN THE COURT SOMETIMES WITH SLOW BALLS WITH NO POWER.
BUT I STILL CAN'T SEEM TO CONTROL IT.
AH, HINAKO-SAN YOU DON'T HAVE TO HELP ME PICK THESE UP
JUST ROLL-ING THEM OVER TO ME IS FINE.
Use your foot or the crutch.
EH?
MOCHIMIYA, YOU'RE FILL-ING IN THE SCORE SHEETS?
scratch
WHERE'S THE MAN-AGER?
scratch
SHE SAID SHE WOULD GO BACK TO THE SCHOOL COURTS MAYBE SHE'S CHECKING UP ON IDE. BUT I THINK SHE'S JUST WASTING HER TIME
AREN'T YOUR WORDS HARSH
OH! WHAT?
WHICH ROUND IS TAKITA PLAYING NOW?
THIS IS THE THIRD

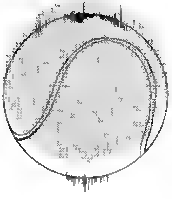
SCORES?
10
Gah!
EASY WIN. 5-0.
SO FAR HE HASN'T LOST A SINGLE GAME.
TAKITA RUUI... THAT GUY...
WHAT KIND OF PERSON ARE YOU?
YOU'RE THE EVIL ONE!
HE'S EVIL! LOOK EVERY-ONE! LOOK AT THAT WICKED FACE
Hehehe...
That's his real identity!
MUST BE AIMING TO USE TENNIS TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD.


THROW THE BALL?
WHY?
Pahay
EH?
THROW IT..?


MAKE SURE THE BALL FLIES OVER THE NET, TOO!
YES, MA'AM!
ROLL
ROLL


Like you're drawing a circle
ROLL


YOUR HAND CURLS WHEN YOU MOVE YOUR ARM!
Like this!
OKAY? ROLL YOUR ARM UNTIL YOU PASS YOUR EAR AND THEN THROW THE BALL



HUP---
Whoosh

IT'S BEEN...
HOW MANY SERVICE ACES HAS IT BEEN TODAY?
TAKITA'S ACE AGAIN...
A southpaw's slice service into the center! Receiving that must be hard
scratch
IS SO FAR.

Note: "Southpaw" just means left-handed. But the slice to the center is a powerful over-hand shot that drives the ball straight forwards with a lot of speed. It is hard to return, since the ball is moving with so much force. And, since Ifuu had been aiming for the alley previously, it has probably caught his opponent off guard.

I STILL REMEMBER!
It wasn't that long ago.
YOU MEAN THE TIME WHEN HE ASKED ME TO GAIN 1 POINT ON HIM?
DO YOU STILL REMEMBER YOUR FIRST GAME WITH TAKITA-KUN?
YEAH?
WELL..
IDE-KUN
BUT TAKITA-KUN SERVED AN ENTIRE BASKET OF BALLS
NO ONE MENTIONED IT,
.....
THE ACCURACY OF HIS FIRST SERVES WERE...
TODAY, I WATCHED HIS FIRST GAME IN THE SINGLES
BUT HE ALMOST NEVER MISSED
IN THAT KIND OF SITUATION,
EVEN IF THERE WERE SOME SMALL FAULTS OR A COUPLE OF LETS, IT'S UNDERSTANDABLE

SO, THE SECOND SERVE IS MUCH MORE LIKELY TO BE HIT.
IF THE FIRST BALL DIDN'T MAKE IT, THE PLAYER USUALLY REDUCES THE SPEED OF THE NEXT SERVICE TO MAKE SURE IT GOES IN.
THE ACCURACY OF THE FIRST SERVE DETERMINES THE OUTCOME OF YOUR SERVICE GAMES.
84 %
I DID IT!
competed until the second round.
Fujitani Ryuu, captain, 3rd year
Currently in the top 16.
3rd year's Misawa Haruto, made it into the third round.
Makunogama High's 2nd year, Ohkouchi Mitsuaki, made it to the fourth round for the first time, getting himself a spot in the top 8.
6-4, OHKOUCHI-KUN WINS!

6-0
SQUEAK
6-0
SQUEAK
6-0
6-0
6-1
(白)小林
(大)田中 里
(Maku) Takita Ruui
(十)宮原 泉
(一)本多
(一)村
2nd year's Aoki Tamio (AKA Freddy Aoki), was the only person in the team who lost in the first round.
What-cha you looking at!!
3rd year's Kitaouji Kenta fulfilled his wish for making it past the first round,
making the second round milestone.
Makunogama High's first year, Takita Ruui...
Made it into the finals.

Makunogam High's mal tennis club...
...became stronger due to the joining of one Takita Ruui.
EVEN THOUGH HE SUCCEEDED EVERY NOW AND THEN,
NONE OF HIS BALLS WOULD BE AN ACE.
THEN, LET'S PLAY IT SAFE.
CUT THE SPEED, AND MAKE SURE THAT THE BALL'S IN BOUNDS FIRST.
THIS IS NO GOOD

SPORTS AREN'T SOMETHING YOU RELY ON THEORY ALONE FOR.
HOWEVER, RUUI'S PERFORMANCE APPEARED WELL CALCULATED.
RUUI'S GAME PLAY OUT OF MY HEAD.
I CAN'T GET
THEY ARE THE FRUIT OF ENDLESS PRACTICES
MEMORIZED BY THE BODY.

TAKITA'S BEEN FORCED OUT OF BOUNDS!
AAAH---
HE CAUGHT UP WITH IT!

I SAW THROUGH HIS PLAY
W-WHY?
SHIMIZU 15 - 40 TAKITA
ANOTHER STEP CLOSER TO THE INTER-HIGH'!
SQUEAK
IT'S GOTTA BE IN!
I HAVE TO IMAG-INE IT.
IMAG INE...

ヒュウ
THE BALL IS FLOWING!!
Did it really?!
AH...
Nehh

EH?!
ガーン
GAME SET.

Takita's scores

First Round	6-0
Second Round	6-0
Third Round	6-1
Fourth Round	6-0
Semifinals	6-0
Finals	6-1

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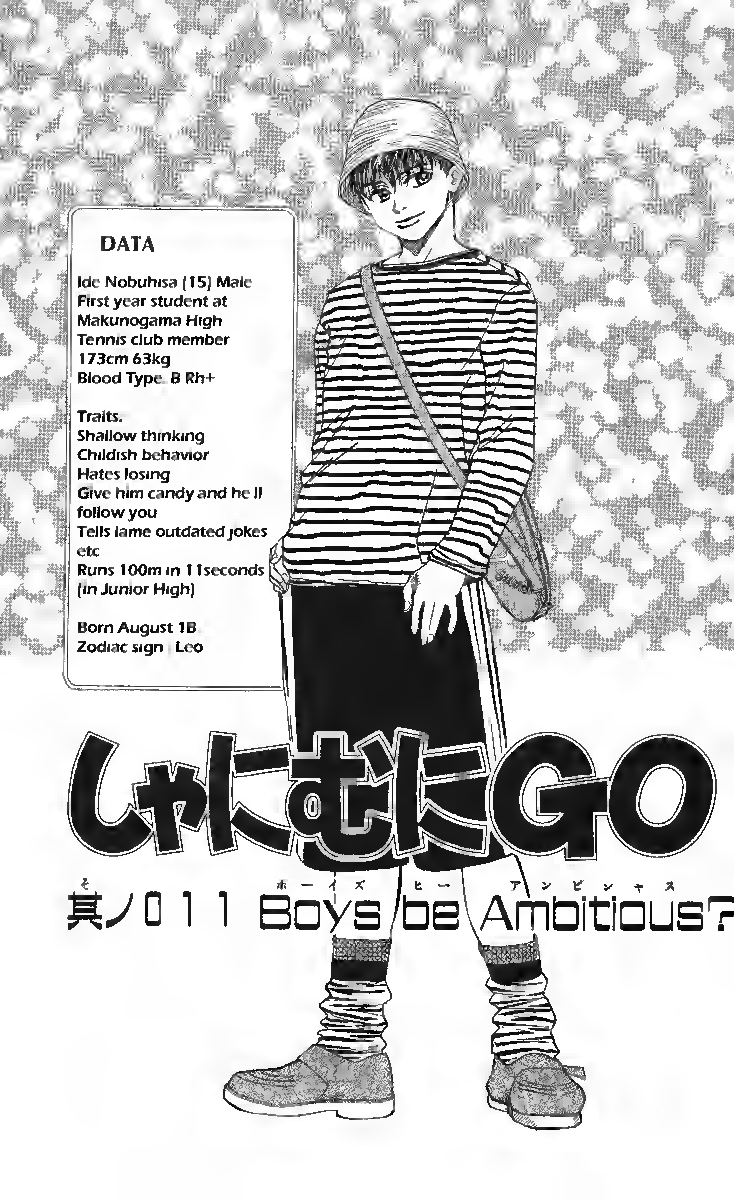
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Ide Nobuhisa (15) Male
First year student at
Makunogama High
Tennis club member
173cm 63kg
Blood Type. B Rh+
Traits.
Shallow thinking
Childish behavior
Hates losing
Give him candy and he ll
follow you
Tells lame outdated jokes
etc
Runs 100m in 11seconds
(in Junior High)
Born August 18
Zodiac sign : Leo
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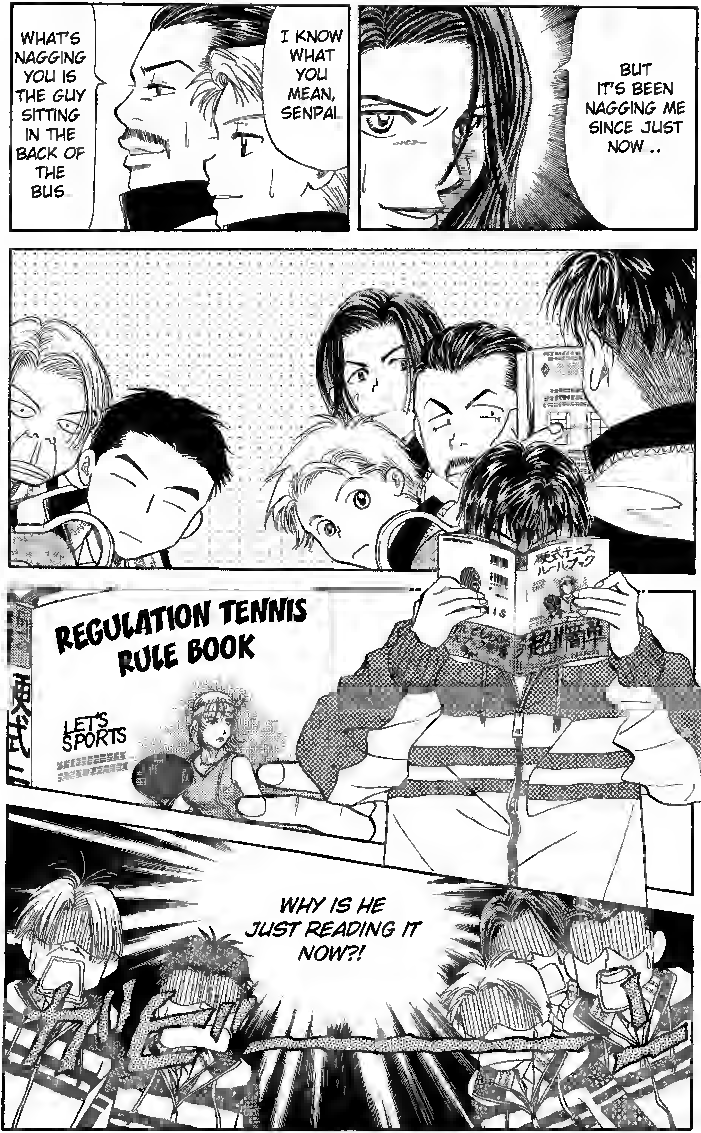
其ノ011 Boys be Ambitious?

VROOM...
向陵高校前
The third day of the district tournament.
FOR US THIRD YEARS, THIS IS THE LAST DAY.
THE DISTRICT TOURNAMENT
YEAH... BECAUSE
WE'LL DEFINITELY BE BEATEN.
IS ENDING TODAY.
WELL ...


WHAT'S NAGGING YOU IS THE GUY SITTING IN THE BACK OF THE BUS
I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN, SENPAI
BUT IT'S BEEN NAGGING ME SINCE JUST NOW ..
REGULATION TENNIS RULE BOOK
LET'S SPORTS
WHY IS HE JUST READING IT NOW?!

WHAT ?
IDE.
YEP.
VROOM
could it be that
YOU DON'T KNOW THE RULES IN TENNIS?
WHEN I SERVE, I'LL DO AS YOU SAY AND ..
Eh?
HOW IN THE WORLD DOES THAT COUNT AS FINE?!
THAT POSITIVE THINKING OF YOURS
IS CLEARLY NEGATIVE !!
I'LL REMEMBER HOW THE SCORE IS CALLED BEFORE THE MATCH BEGINS.
IT'LL BE TO-TALLY FINE!
VICTORY

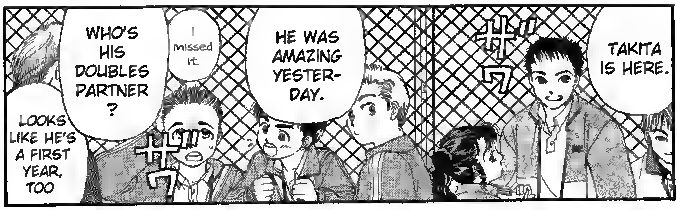
HOW DOES HE...
NEVER CEASE TO CREATE WORRIES?
Have you learned how to serve properly?
How could you not know the most basic things?
UHH... THE STUDENTS IN THE BACK PLEASE LOWER YOUR VOICE. YOU'RE DISTURBING THE OTHER PASSENGERS.
BEEP
Driver
prim and proper
Office
IF HE CAN...
FULLY DEVELOP THAT SERVE INTO HIS WEAPON...
WAS THAT SERVICE ONLY A FLUKE?
YESTERDAY
Why IS after O?

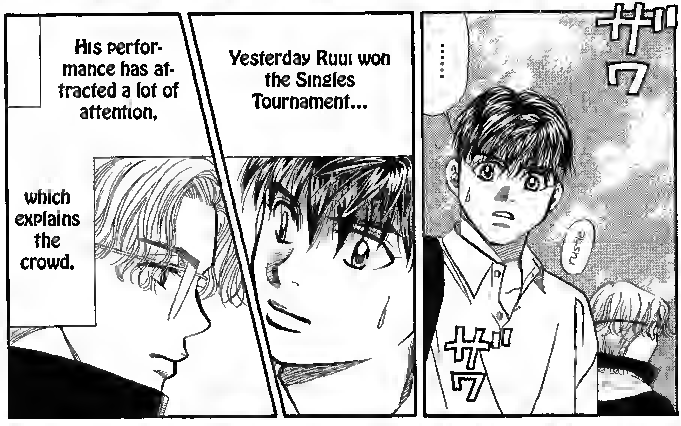
MURMUR
MURMUR
MURMUR

HE'S IN THE DOUBLES TOURNAMENT TOO.
TAKITA RUUI ...
TAKITA-KUN, IDE-KUN, YOU GUYS ARE ON COURT #4
CAPTAIN AND MISAWA-SAN, COURT #1
OHKOUCHI-KUN AND AOKI-KUN
YEAH? HINAKO-SAN?
IT SEEMS THAT YOU AND TAKITA-KUN HAVEN'T DISCUSSED THE STRATEGY?
A MATCH.
KUN.
IDE-KUN.
FINALLY IT'S A REAL MATCH!
STR TEGY ?
PROBABLY NOT NECESSARY.
AT LEAST AGREE ABOUT THE FORMATION!!
pa ha

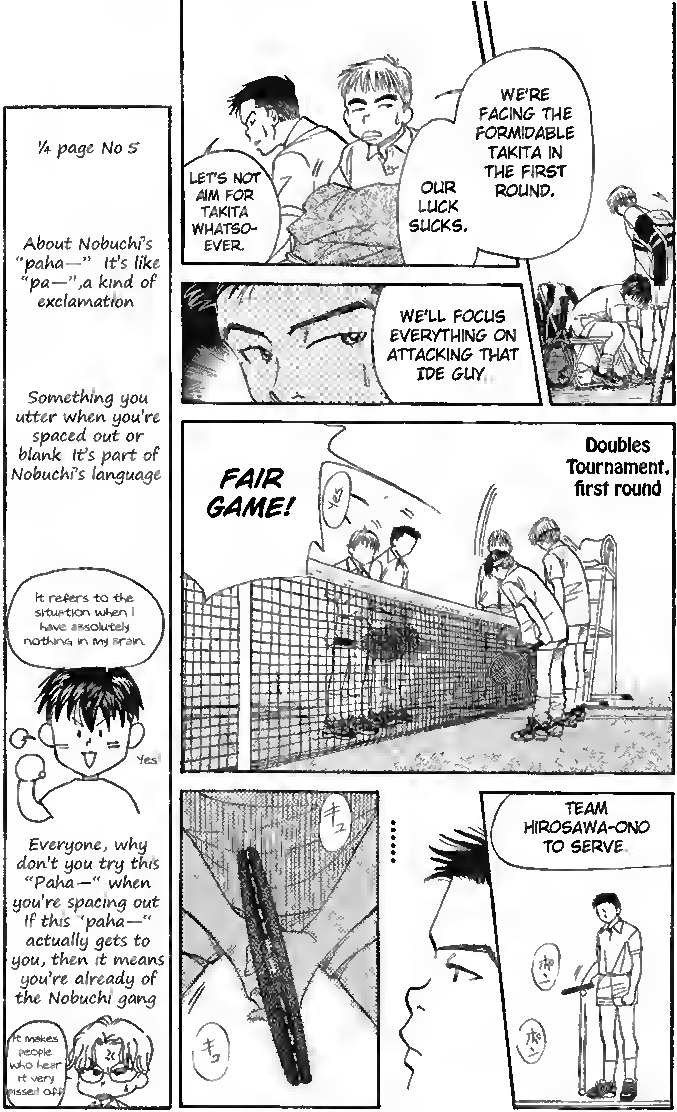
ONE-UP--ONE-BACK?
WE'LL GO FOR ONE-UP-ONE--BACK FORMATION.
THAT SETTLES IT.
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO NET PLAY, RIGHT?
IDE,
WHAT A BOTHER.
NOPE.
IT'S THE FORMATION YOU USE TO PROTECT THE BACK COURT WHILE I HANDLE THE FRONT.
Back
Front
The formation (earlier) would have been better but there's no helping it.
キュ
キュ
HUH?
HEY, I HAVE COME UP WITH SOME AWESOME TACTICS.
HEH HEH
WE'LL MAKE THEM THINK YOU'LL HIT IT.
AND WHAT'S THE USE OF THAT?
IT'LL CATCH THE OPPONENT OFF-GUARD.
HOW'S THAT?
BUT ACTUALLY I WILL.
LISTEN.
WHEN THE BALL

HEY! DON'T IGNORE ME!
WE'LL CALL IT "SECRET WEAPON! NOBUHISA SPECIAL SMASH!!"
STEP
STEP
STEP
I'LL USE YOU AS A SPRING-BOARD TO JUMP AND SMASH IT!
AND FOR THOSE HIGH BALLS,
OH.
WH-
WHAT'S GOING ON? SUCH A BIG CROWD.


TAKITA IS HERE.
HE WAS AMAZING YESTERDAY.
I missed it.
WHO'S HIS DOUBLES PARTNER ?
LOOKS LIKE HE'S A FIRST YEAR, TOO


His performance has attracted a lot of attention,
which explains the crowd.
Yesterday Ruui won the Singles Tournament...
.....
Gasp!

EVERYONE EXPECTS THIS MUCH FROM ME!
Hey, that guy is winning.
And crying ?!
this guy is an exception.
?
Naturally,
his partner will receive a fair amount of attention as well. A normal tennis player might crack under the pressure.
But...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About Nobuchi's "paha—" It's like "pa—",a kind of exclamation
Something you utter when you're spaced out or blank It's part of Nobuchi's language
It refers to the situation when I have absolutely nothing in my brain.
Yes
Everyone, why don't you try this "Paha—" when you're spacing out If this "paha—" actually gets to you, then it means you're already of the Nobuchi gang
It makes people who hear it very tissed off!
LET'S NOT AIM FOR TAKITA WHATSO-EVER.
OUR LUCK SUCKS.
WE'RE FACING THE FORMIDABLE TAKITA IN THE FIRST ROUND.
WE'LL FOCUS EVERYTHING ON ATTACKING THAT IDE GUY
Doubles Tournament, first round
FAIR GAME!
TEAM HIROSAWA-ONO TO SERVE

キュ
Let's do it.
All right
キュ
AN OPEN-ING.
ONE-UP-ONE-BACK? SO TAKITA WILL CHARGE UP FRONT LATER.
MEANING HE'S IN CHARGE OF THE BACK COURT.
HE FELL BACK FUR-THER THAN TAKITA, WHO'S THE RE-CEIVER,
THAT GUY WILL BECOME THE PERFECT TARGET!

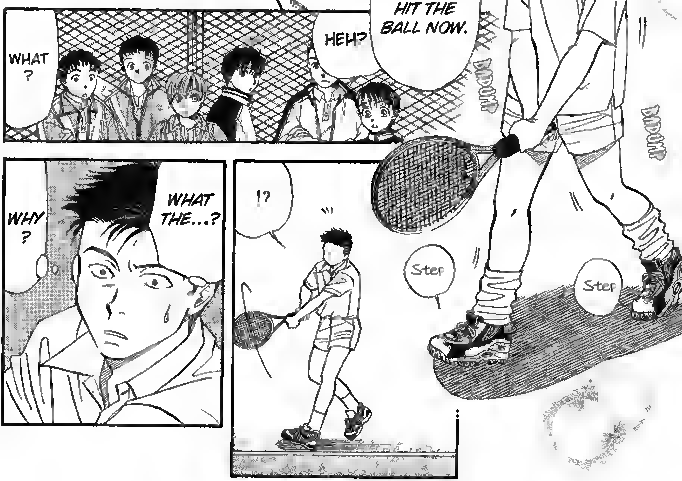
OH?!

YEEP!
HEY, HEY, HIS ENGINE IS REVVING RIGHT FROM THE START!
CRAP! HE'S INCRED-IBLE!
0-15
THIS IS BAD.
WE WANT TO CRUSH IDE BUT WE CAN'T EVEN GET PASSED TAKITA

HEY, IDE.
HUH?

All right
Let's do it.
.....

YOU'RE RECEIVING NEXT.
DO YOUR BEST.


AL-RIGHT!
BIDOIN
I GET TO HIT THE BALL NOW.
HEH?
WHAT ?
BIDOIN
BIDOIN
Ster
Ster
!?
WHAT THE...?
WHY ?

Let's do it.
Alright
Ok!
Baseline
HE'LL BE RETURNING THE SERVE THIS TIME, BUT HE MOVED FORWARD?!
RELAX
RE-LAX.

YAH!
HE FELT PRESSURED
BECAUSE IDE WAS TAKING A STANCE ABOVE THE BASELINE AMATEUR
AT THE SECOND SERVICE, THE SPEED WILL DROP.
I MUST HIT IT!

SWEET !!
0-30

A PERFECT
GREAT START!
YAY!
How-ever.
UFF!
it's not that simple.

He was nervous during his service game and kept hitting double-faults.
FAULT!
They lost the game and allowed the opponents to take the lead.
WEIRD
?
?
SHRINK
Nobuhisa made a mistake in every shot in the first game.

They had to work so hard before making a come-back and winning with a score of 7-5.
In the first round,
GAME SET.
7-5 TEAM TAKITA-IDE WON.
SHIT.
GET A HOLD OF YOUR-SELF!
YOU CAN FOLLOW THE BALL JUST FINE WITH YOUR LEGS!
HEY, IDE. I'M GOING TO THE INFORMATION CENTER TO REPORT THE SCORE
JOUT
YOUR RHYTHM IS JUST A LITTLE MESSED UP.
AND YOUR SERVICE GAME SUCKED.
STEP
STEP

STEP
STEP
STEP
IDE!
STEP
"I DIDN'T EXPECT ANYTHING?"
DIDN'T I SAY
HEAD
YOU GOT BACK INTO YOUR RHYTHM IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE SET, RIGHT?
IT MEANS A ONE-SET MATCH IS TOO SHORT FOR YOU.
SO YOU DID
BETTER THAN I THOUGHT, DIDN'T YOU?

MAYBE I'LL START EXPECTING SOMETHING.
AFTER THIS MATCH,
TO EXPECT A LOT!
BE PREPARED
I DON'T THINK SO.
A LOT?
わっはっはっはっ

OH, MAYBE HE MEANT THAT...
YEAH
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
EH?
HE SAID A ONE-SET MATCH IS TOO SHORT FOR YOU?
〈STRETCH STRETCH〉
IDE-KUN, YOU'RE THE TYPE THAT GAINS A BIGGER ADVANTAGE WITH A LONGER MATCH.
AH, AN ANGRY AURA.
THAT
YOU'VE GOT THE ENERGY OF A MONSTER AND CAN PLAY 100 SETS WITH NO PROBLEM.
IN SHORT,
YOU'RE A SLOW-STARTER*.
HUH?

*T/N: Hinako-san says "slow starter" in English

AH, TAKITA-KUN IS BACK.
LET'S GO TO THE COURT ASSIGNED FOR YOUR SECOND MATCH.
SLOW-STAKATER?! WHAT'S THAT?
SLOW...
TRY TO RECALL THAT SERVE
YOU DID YES-TER-DAY.
IDE-KUN.
I'LL BE THERE AFTER THE CAPTAIN AND MISAWA-SAN'S MATCH.
GOOD LUCK
I'M OFF. ♡
Back to normal already!
OKAY.
AH.

?
.....
COUGH
IT HURT TO WATCH THEIR MATCH.
I THOUGHT... I'D ALREADY MADE PEACE WITH IT...
70% OF ME CHEERED FOR THEM.
YET THE REMAINING 30% WAS HELD BACK BY JEALOUSY.
The second round
1/0
1/0

I'LL RETURN THEM!
I'LL RETURN ALL THE BALLS!
PASS-ING SHOT!
YA HH H!

HE JUMPED !
!?
UGH !
HIGH BACK VOL-LEY !

Team Takita-Ide leads 3-0
WOW!
GAME. TEAM TAKITA-IDE.
THAT IDE GUY HAS SOME CRAZY FOOT-WORK.
I THOUGHT HE WAS LOUSY IN THE FIRST ROUND.
BUT HE'LL SERVE THE NEXT GAME. LET'S GET A SERVICE BREAK.
HIS SERVES SUCK.
HE'LL HIT DOUBLE FAULTS OR SERVE POORLY JUST TO KEEP THE BALL IN.
RECALL YOUR SERVE YESTER DAY.
IT'S GOTTA BE IN. IT'S GOTTA BE IN.

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Chapter 012
From Now On

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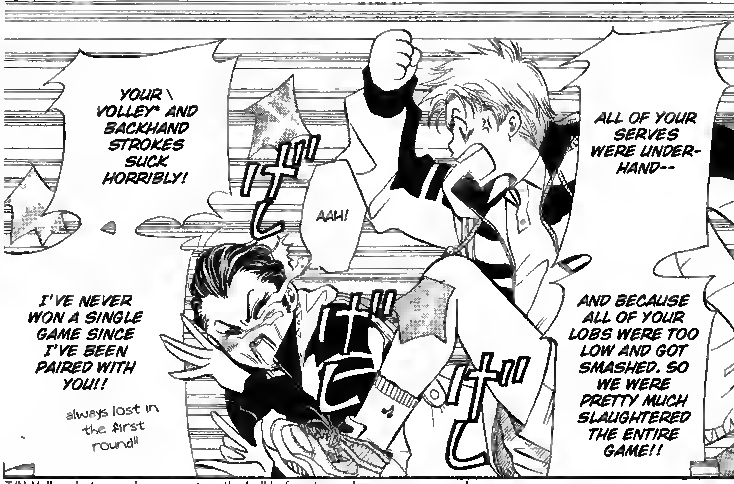
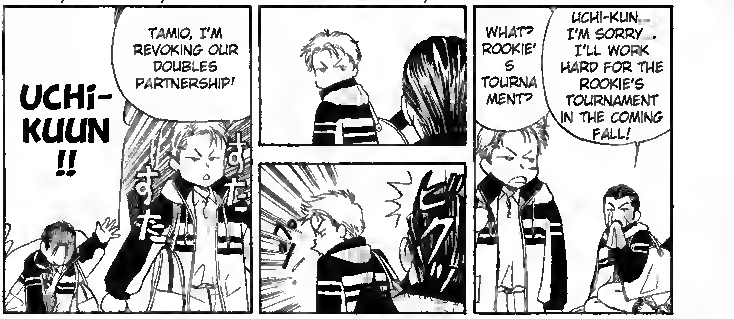
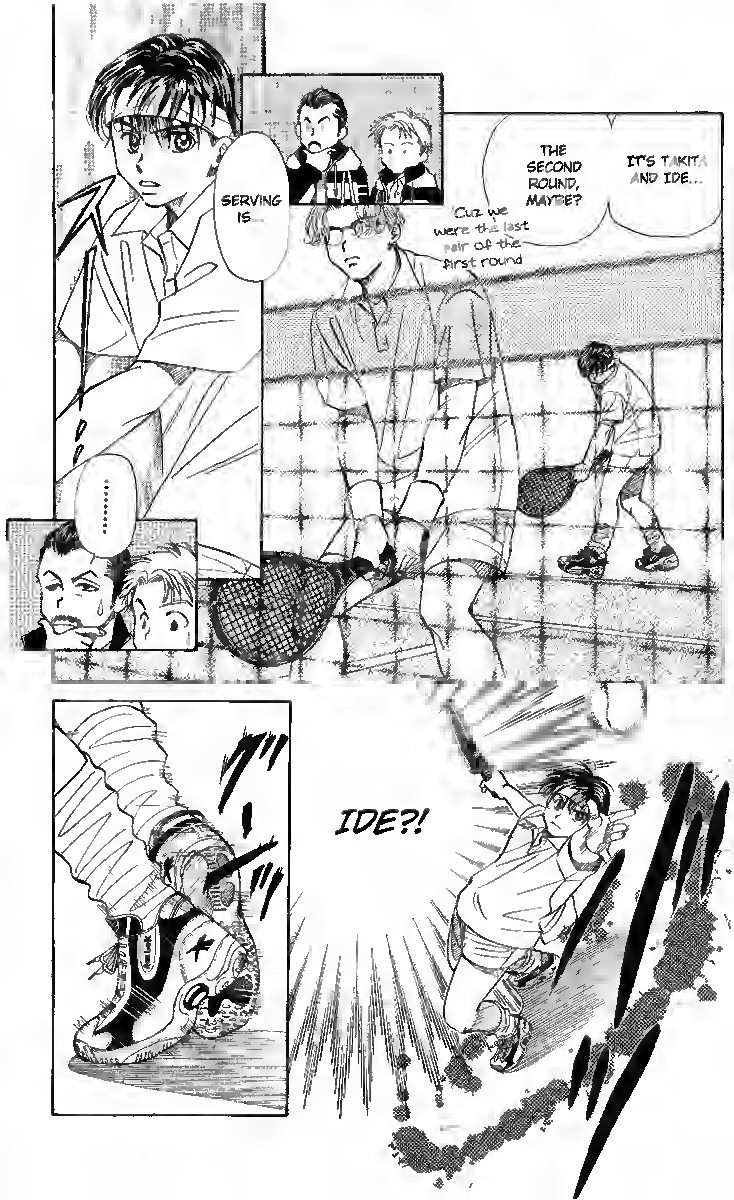
GO
HEAD

.....
YEAH...
ICHI-KUN, IF WE KEEP THIS UP, WE MIGHT HAVE SOME HOPE IN THE ROOKIE'S COMPET-ITION THIS YEAR!
WE MAY HAVE LOST, BUT COMPARED TO LAST YEAR, MY TECHNIQUE HAS GROWN BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS!
YEAH RIGHT !
AH!
THAT WAS A REALLY UNFORT-UNATE MATCH.


YOUR \VOLLEY" AND BACKHAND STROKES SUCK HORRIBLY!
AAH!
ALL OF YOUR SERVES WERE UNDER-HAND--
I'VE NEVER WON A SINGLE GAME SINCE I'VE BEEN PAIRED WITH YOU!!
always lost in the first round!!
AND BECAUSE ALL OF YOUR LOBS WERE TOO LOW AND GOT SMASHED. SO WE WERE PRETTY MUCH SLAUGHTERED THE ENTIRE GAME!!

T/N Volley shots are when you return the ball before it even bounces on your side


TAMIO, I'M REVOKING OUR DOUBLES PARTNERSHIP!
UCHI-KUUN!!
WHAT? ROOKIE'S TOURNAMENT?
UCHI-KUN... I'M SORRY... I'LL WORK HARD FOR THE ROOKIE'S TOURNAMENT IN THE COMING FALL!


SERVING IS...
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IT'S TAKITA AND IDE...
THE SECOND ROUND, MAYBE?
'Cuz we were the last pair of the first round
IDE?!

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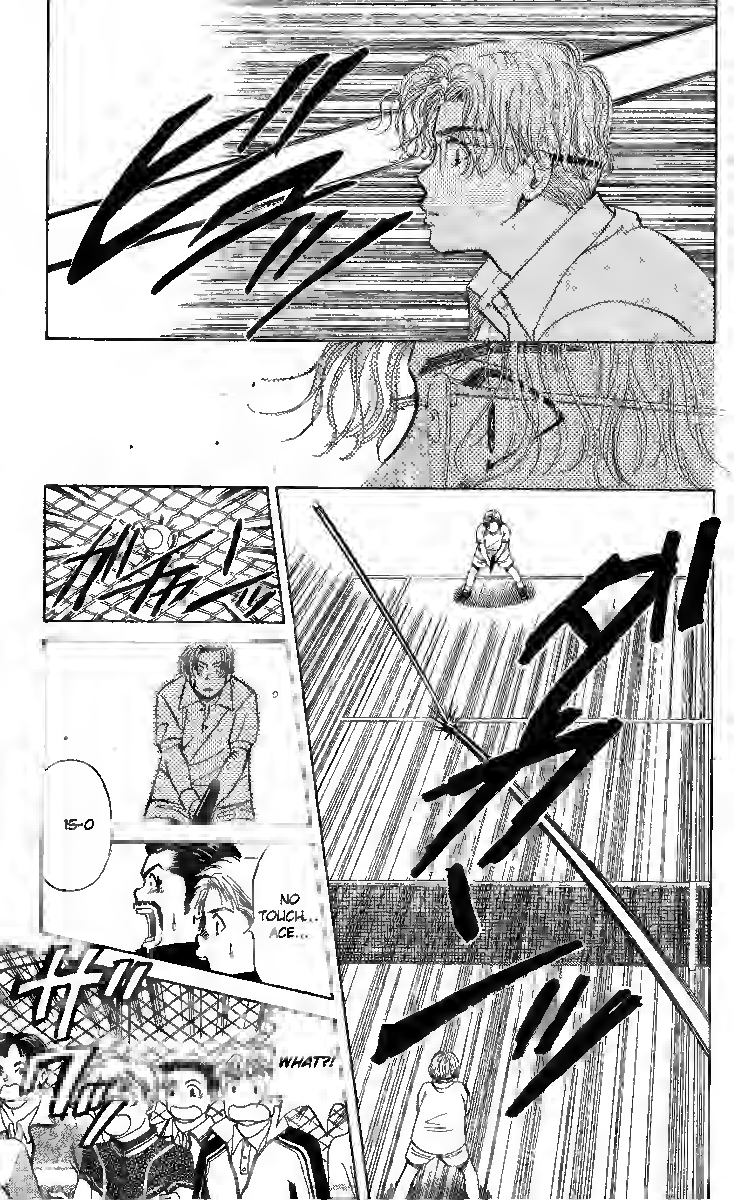
GET...
...IN!!


15-0
NO TOUCH.. ACE...
WHAT?!

T/N: Mark Philippoussis was an Australian tennis player, ranked #8 worldwide in 1999, around the time the manga was published. At the height of his career, Mark was known as having one of the fastest serves in the game.
HE'S NOT THE SAME AS HE WAS IN THE FIRST ROUND!
STRANGE
IDIOT!! YOU'RE EXAGGERATING!
EVEN PHILIPP OUSSIS WOULD PALE AT THAT!
SUCCESS!!
WHAT JUST HAPPENED?!
SCARY
?
S...
UNBELIEVABLE! THAT SERVE WAS ROCKET-SPEED!
IT WAS
Thump!
Thump!
Thump!
...IN! AWESOME ~~~!!
Thump!
Thump!
Thump!

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Awright! The last column I made my assistants come up with the chapter titles for this volume

008 Komorin
010 Omiya no Tsubone
011 Honda no suke
012 Moro no kimi

Very thanks☺

Because my titles are often 'rejected' my assistants had to rake their brains for these. Yup, I'm a monster. *cackle*

Readers have been complaining, saying, "I didn't know you had a homepage!!! You should advertise it!!" So I'd like to use this opportunity to publicize it

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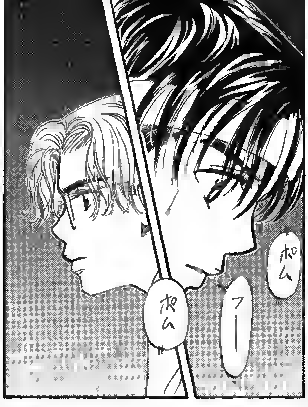
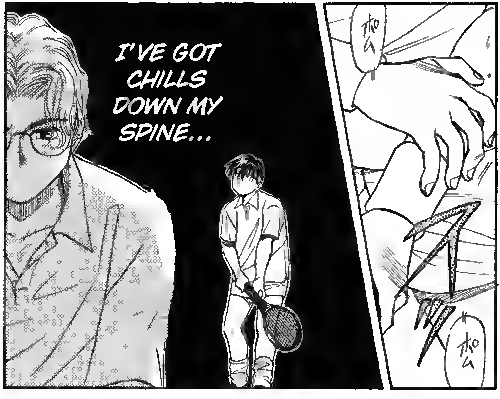
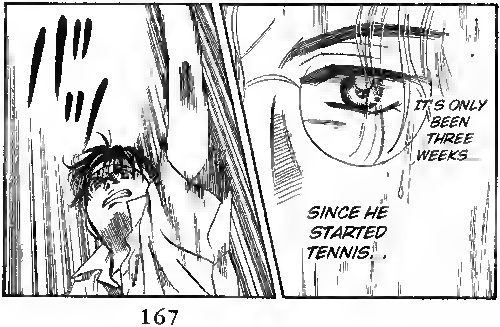
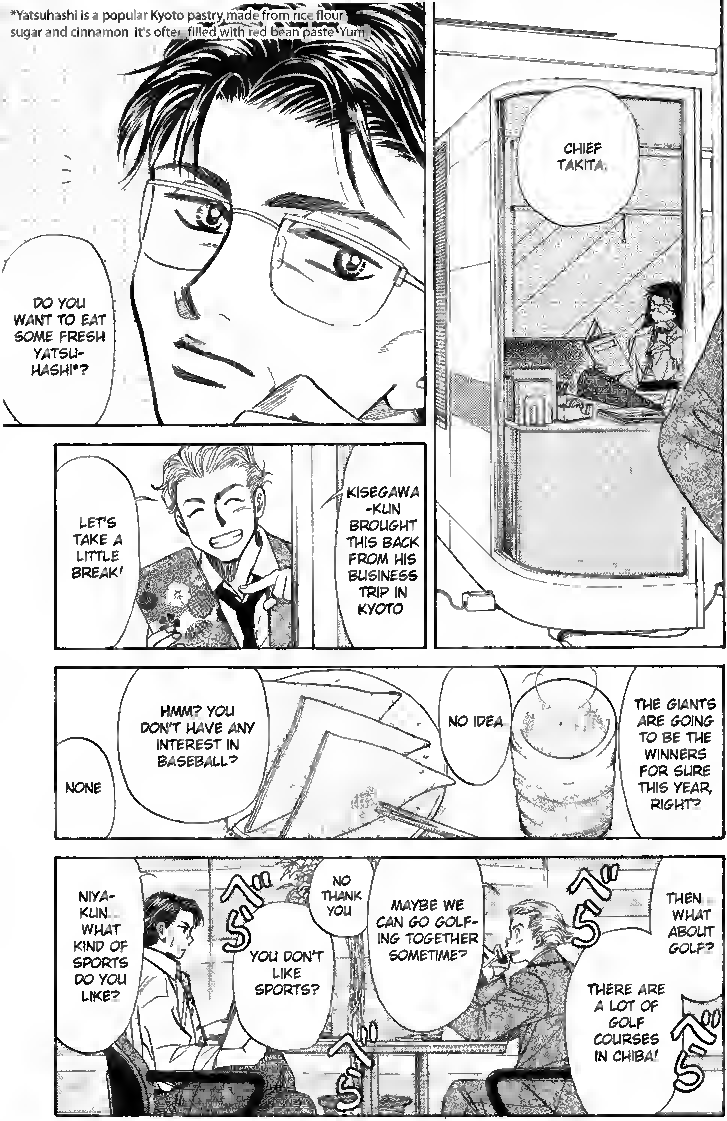






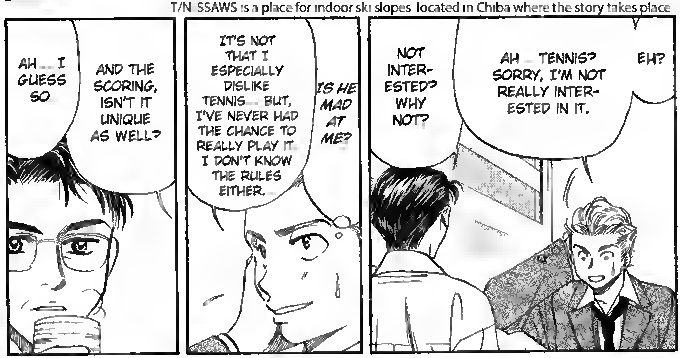
I'VE GOT CHILLS...
FROM SOMEONE WHO BEGAN PLAYING THREE WEEKS AGO
CHIEF.
OFFICE

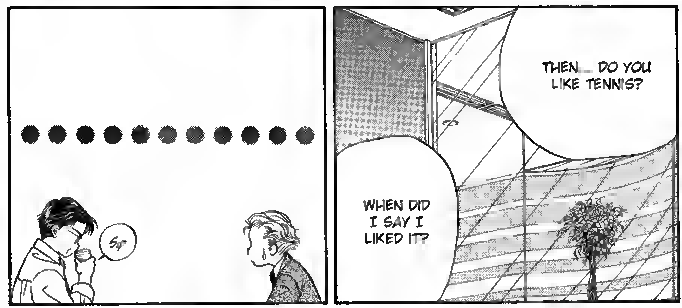

*Yatsuhashi is a popular Kyoto pastry made from rice flour, sugar and cinnamon. It's often filled with red bean paste. Yum.
DO YOU WANT TO EAT SOME FRESH YATSU-HASHI*?
CHIEF TAKITA,
LET'S TAKE A LITTLE BREAK!
KISEGAWA -KUN BROUGHT THIS BACK FROM HIS BUSINESS TRIP IN KYOTO
NONE
HMM? YOU DON'T HAVE ANY INTEREST IN BASEBALL?
NO IDEA
THE GIANTS ARE GOING TO BE THE WINNERS FOR SURE THIS YEAR, RIGHT?
NIYA-KUN, WHAT KIND OF SPORTS DO YOU LIKE?
YOU DON'T LIKE SPORTS?
NO THANK YOU
MAYBE WE CAN GO GOLF-ING TOGETHER SOMETIME?
THEN WHAT ABOUT GOLF?
THERE ARE A LOT OF GOLF COURSES IN CHIBA!

T/N: JEF United Ichihara is a second division professional soccer team in Chiba

AH, I GO TO A FITNESS CENTER A LOT, TOO
IN TERMS OF SOCCER, I SUPPORT JEF ICHIHARA*
Because it's a Chiba team
I LIKE SNOWBOARDING! WE COULD GO TO SSAWS* NEAR HERE
WHAT ABOUT TENNIS?
THE MEMBERSHIP FEE IS PRETTY CHEAP, ONLY 8,000 YEN A MONTH. PLUS, IT'S GOT A SWIMMING POOL...

T/N: SSAWS is a place for indoor ski slopes located in Chiba where the story takes place.


AH... I GUESS SO
AND THE SCORING, ISN'T IT UNIQUE AS WELL?
IT'S NOT THAT I ESPECIALLY DISLIKE TENNIS... BUT, I'VE NEVER HAD THE CHANCE TO REALLY PLAY IT. I DON'T KNOW THE RULES EITHER...
IS HE MAD AT ME?
NOT INTERESTED? WHY NOT?
AH... TENNIS? SORRY, I'M NOT REALLY INTERESTED IN IT.
EH?



...DON'T UNDERSTAND THE MINDS OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO ...ARE WILLING TO SACRIFICE WHAT'S IMPORTANT IN LIFE.

...JUST TO ACHIEVE WHAT THEY DESIRE.

BUT...

MY HIGH SCHOOL SON PLAYS TENNIS.

I JUST...

CHIEF... I'M SORRY, I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT...

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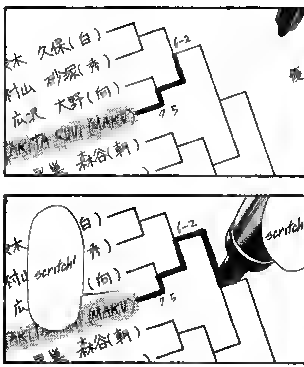
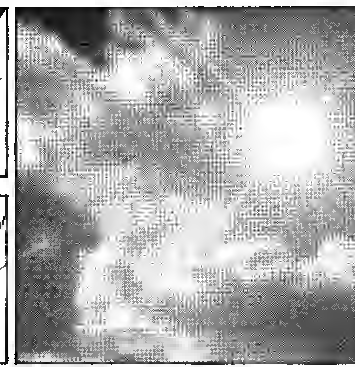
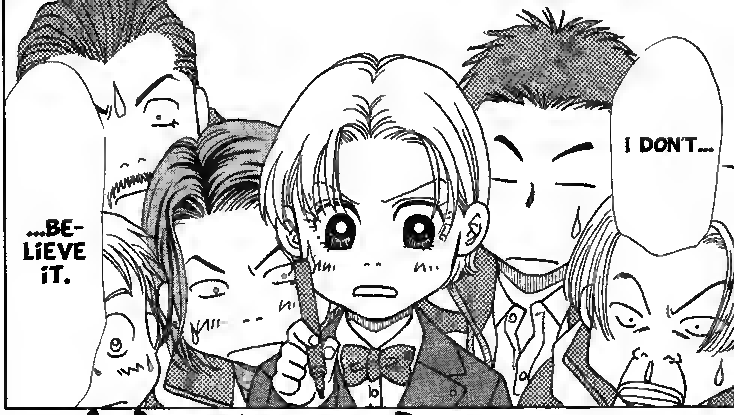
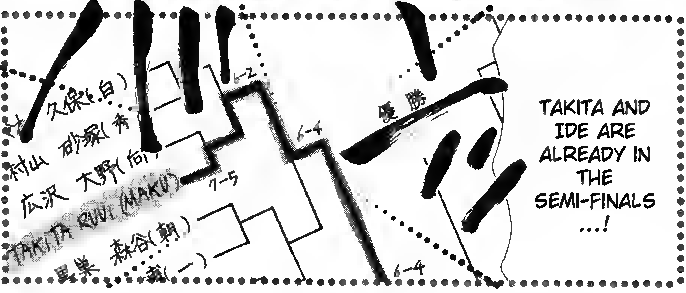
AH...









The doubles team, Takita and Ide.

won 6-2 in the second round, 6-4 in the third round, and 6-4 in the fourth round.

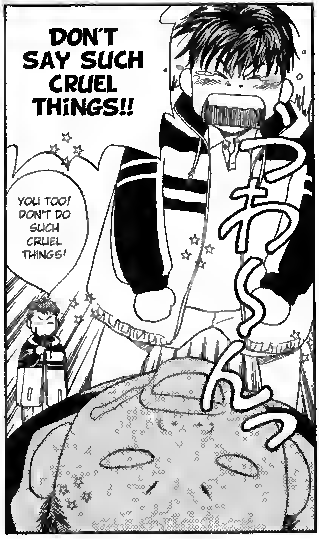
BUT...

they gave an unexpectedly great show, advancing in the competition.

UP UNTIL NOW, HE ONLY KNEW HOW TO HIT THE BALLS FROM THE BASELINE!!
HOW CAN A COMPLETE BEGINNER LIKE IDE PROGRESS ONTO THIS STAGE?!
AAH!! WHY?!
We lost in the second round!
So scary!
PANIC!!

HEY, IDE...
WHY ARE YOU UNHAPPY? YOU WON!
DON'T TALK TO ME!
(HEW)
I KNOW WHY HE'S LIKE THAT!
(HEW)
(HEW)
(HEW)
(HEW)
EVEN THOUGH HE NOW CAN SERVE AMAZING ACES,
PLUS, THE GAMES THEY LOST BECAUSE OF SUCKY BACKHANDS...
(HEW)
HE SCREWED UP WITH DOUBLE FAULT AFTER DOUBLE FAULT
(HEW)
WERE ALL HIS BACKHANDS

SFX Attack no. 2 ch step of the way

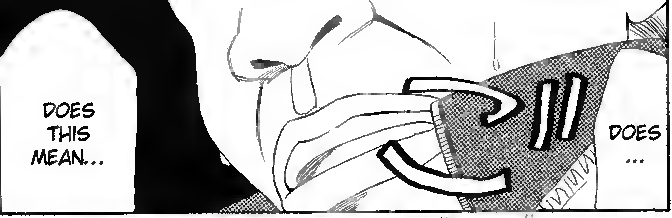


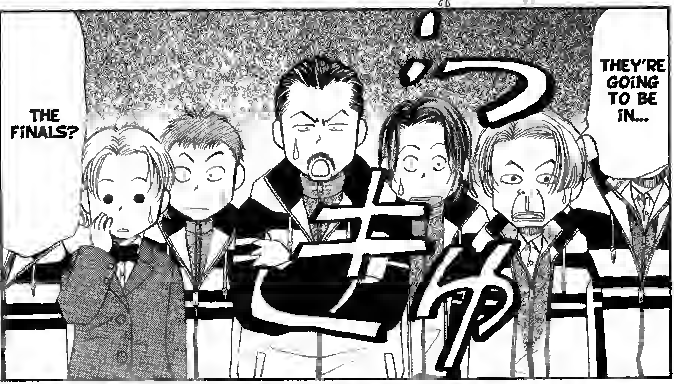
ALL...
ALL I DID WAS HOLD RUI!! BACK.
I'M HOLDING HIM BACK...
NOT ONLY DID I NOT HELP MY PARTNER, I DID JUST THE OPPOSITE.
CLANG
GAHH
THE DOU-BLES...
ARE REALLY SCARY...
.....

LISTEN
OUR OPPONENTS TARGETED YOUR SERVES AND YOUR BACKHANDS
IDE.
BECAUSE YOUR FOREHANDS ARE POWERFUL.
NO OTHER REASON
DON'T MIND THEM.
SO, CHIEF,
WHEN I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL,
THERE WAS THIS GUY CALLED IKEDA.

WHEN WE TALKED ABOUT TENNIS,
THAT GUY SAID...
BUT ALL IN ALL, A WEIRD GUY
OR MAYBE, I SHOULD CALL HIM A KLUTZ
BUT HE'S A PRETTY INTEREST-ING GUY
HE WAS PRETTY GOOD AT PLAYING TENNIS AND ALL
UMM... OF COURSE, I NEVER SAW HIM PLAY

HYAAAAH!!
IT WAS IN! IT WAS IN!
GAME TAKITA-IDE.
"I LIKE IT BECAUSE YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN."
I DID IT AGAIN! WITH MY FLAT FOREHAND


DOES THIS MEAN...
DOES ...


THE FINALS?
THEY'RE GOING TO BE IN...

HE OCCASIONALLY JOINED GROUP COMPETITIONS AND DOUBLES.
YEAH, ISN'T COMPETING ALONE PRETTY COOL? THAT GUY HATED GROUP SPORTS.
BUT HE SEEMED TO WANT TO AVOID THOSE THINGS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE

BECAUSE HE'S ON HIS OWN?
GOT IT!
I'VE GOT IT!

IT'S BECAUSE HE'S KIND OF A KLUTZ!
WELL, NO! IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!
HE JUST DOESN'T LIKE THAT KIND OF RESPONSIBILITY...
HE'S NOT THE KIND WHO DOESN'T TRUST PEOPLE. HE'S ACTUALLY THE TYPE WHO TRIES TO GET PEOPLE TO HELP HIM WHENEVER HE CAN
DOES THAT MEAN...
HE DIDN'T TRUST OTHER PEOPLE?
I WANTED TO SAY THAT PEOPLE WHO PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS AREN'T ALWAYS LIKE THAT!
SO, ABOUT WHAT YOU SAID EARLIER THIS MORNING...
WELL - LIKE IKEDA - HE DIDN'T HAVE ANY AMBITION
THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO DON'T WANT TO SACRIFICE WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO THEM, TOO!
NOT THAT THAT'S SOMETHING TO BE... PROUD OF
PEOPLE WHO ARE "WILLING TO SACRIFICE WHAT'S IMPORTANT IN LIFE JUST TO ACHIEVE WHAT THEY WANT"?
AH
THIS MORNING...
NN

WHAM
RUUUIII!!!
GAME AND SET!
TAKITA-IDE WON 6-3!
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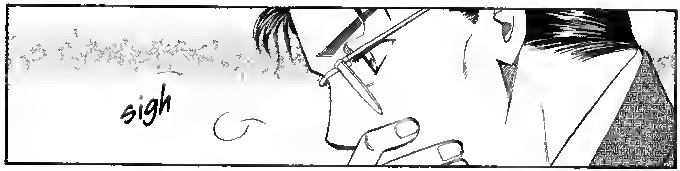
CHATTER
STOP WITH THE RUIRUI!
YEAH, AMAZING!
THEY'VE DONE SOMETHING COMPLETELY UNEXPECTED...
NICE! NICE! RUIRUI!
BONK
AN UNKNOWN FIRST YEAR TEAM IN THE FINALS?
UNBELIEVABLE...
THEY MAY USE ONE-UP-ONE-BACK FORMATION BUT THEY'RE STILL PRETTY AGILE.
CHATTER
THEY'VE DONE SOMETHING THAT WE'VE SPENT THREE YEARS TRYING TO ACHIEVE
AND THEY DID IT IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE!
TALKED IDE-KUN INTO LOOKING AT THINGS FROM A POSITIVE ANGLE. NOW, IDE-KUN WILL ONLY GROW MORE.
T...UJI-KUN
THEY TARGETED YOUR SECOND SERVES AND YOUR BACKHANDS BECAUSE YOUR FOREHANDS ARE POWERFUL...
NO OTHER REASON.

HE DIDN'T POINT OUT IDE-KUN'S WEAK BACKHAND. RATHER, HE ENCOURAGED IDE-KUN BY PRAISING THE STRENGTH OF HIS FOREHAND.
TAKITA-KUN DIDN'T TELL IDE-KUN TO TRY HARDER ON HIS FIRST SERVES.
HE GAVE POSITIVE FEEDBACK INSTEAD OF NEGATIVE ...
COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM HOW IT'S USUALLY DONE.
THIS IS THE STRENGTH OF SOMEONE WHO USED TO COMPETE AT THE JUNIORS LEVEL!
CHIEF TAKITA.
WHY?
Why?
SORRY, I'M JUST CURIOUS, BECAUSE I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT KIND OF PERSON SHE MIGHT BE. .
DING
WHIRR
MAY I ASK ABOUT YOUR WIFE?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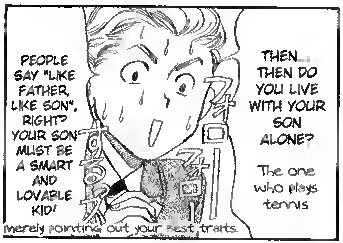
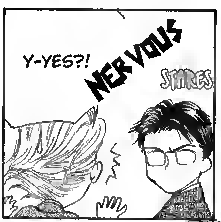

PEOPLE SAY "LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON", RIGHT? YOUR SON MUST BE A SMART AND LOVABLE KID!
I'm merely pointing out your best traits.
THEN... THEN DO YOU LIVE WITH YOUR SON ALONE?
The one who plays tennis

EEP
EHP S-SORRY!! I DIDN'T KNOW...
UNFORTUNATELY, I DON'T HAVE A WIFE...
BECAUSE WE SPLIT UP A LONG TIME AGO
DON'T WORRY. I'D BE MORE SURPRISED IF YOU KNEW

NIYA-KUN.


Y-YES?!
NERVOUS
SWEATING

IT'S UNFORT-UNATE...
...BUT MY SON TOOK AFTER MY WIFE,
NOT ME.

HUP!
EVEN DOWN TO THE UNNECESSARY DETAILS.
AAH!
THEY AIMED AT IDE'S BACKHAND AGAIN...
ISN'T ACTUALLY WEAK.
IDE-KUN'S BACKHAND...
OOF!!
IT'S JUST ...

SHIMI-ZU--YAMA-GUCHI!
DAMN
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ポン
IS VERY EASY TO READ...
SINCE HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO ADD SPIN IT'S HARD TO HIT A WINNER...
THE COURSE OF THE BALL...
IT'S ONLY NATURAL ...
HYAH ...
HUH ...
A STRONG PLAYER!
THAT I'M...

IDE'S ACE!!
HE DID IT!!
15 | 0
FAULT!
FOLLOWED BY HIS USUAL DOUBLE FAULT.
BUT...
15 | 15
10

TAKITA-KUN'S WEAKNESS
IS THAT HE GIVES UP TOO EASILY.
.....
パチパチ
GAME TAKITA-IDE.
It was in.
パチパチ
...BUT HIS FOREHAND IS INSANELY STRONG!!
LOBS, SLICES... HE CAN'T HIT ANYTHING.
AND IT'S PRETTY DEEP TOO!!
AH!! THEY HIT IT INTO HIS BACKHAND ZONE AGAIN!!
HIS BACKHAND IS SUPERFICIAL...
WHAT KIND OF TWISTED MIRACLE DID GOD BESTOW ONTO IDE?
WHAT?!

..FROM THE BACKHAND POSITION ..
...INTO THE FORE-HAND POSIT-ION!!
HE'S TURNING...

THEY ACTUALLY WON.
NO WAY... IT'S IN. THE FORE-HAND...
WAS STRAIGHT DOWN THE LINE...
GAME AND SET!
TAKITA-IDE WON 6-4!
OH YEAH!!
The Takita-Ide team won the District Tournament.

...FOR WHAT REASON ARE YOU STILL PLAYING?

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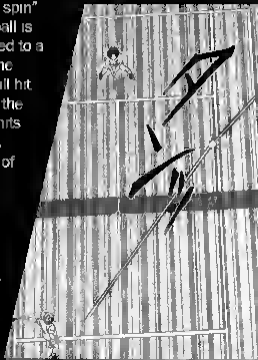
GOOD BOY

Ruui's Backhand Topsin
from p.101

The easiest way to return a ball with a "top spin" is to hit it overhand. Topspin is where the ball is spinning towards your opponent, as opposed to a backspin when it spins towards yourself. The difference is that with a topspin, the ball will hit the ground and propel itself forward out of the bounce with a good deal of force. When it hits with a backspin, it will barely bounce at all.

Backhanding the ball means that your swing starts on the far side of your body and comes across. Naturally when your arm makes this movement, it would tilt the racket to give the ball a backspin. To give it a topspin...you must twist your arm outwards so your racket is angled forward to hit the ball.

The bit about the "cross-court alley approach" just means that he made the shot a little more difficult by aiming for a spot on the court (the inner side line used in singles matches) that would be the hardest for his opponent to reach.



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